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'Thoughtless brats' who ruin Hackney's parks are being urged to respect them – or not bother coming back; London Fields looking like a festival site and the aftermath (above)

## RESPECT OUR PARKS

**P**EOPLE are being urged to respect Hackney's parks after they were left covered in rubbish earlier this month, or they won't be welcome to enjoy the borough's beautiful green spaces.

Over the weekend of 7 and 8 May, thousands of people descended on the borough, as visitors and residents alike enjoyed the first hot weather of the year. Unfortunately, in London Fields in particular, people left a huge amount of litter, burnt the grass with barbecues and treated the park like a festival site.

Pictures of the aftermath posted on Council social media accounts

were shared thousands of times, and received widespread media coverage, provoking outrage from residents. Despite the fact the Council has built more toilets and urinals, put out extra bins, deployed more staff and cornered off a dedicated barbecue area in London Fields, the park was still left trashed.

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture, said: "London Fields was exceptionally busy as it was the first hot weekend of the year, so the bins did fill up. However, the photos show that lots of people didn't even bother to put their rubbish near the bins, which made

the clean up job even harder.

"We put out plenty of large bins and significant numbers of extra staff during the summer, but will always struggle when thoughtless brats make no effort to clear up after themselves. The people who made this mess need to understand they're not welcome in Hackney if they won't respect our parks, staff and residents."

The Council is urging people to use litter bins – including for cigarette butts and bottle tops – or take rubbish home with them.

Many parks also have recycling bins for bottles and cans, as well as general rubbish bins. If they are full, rubbish can be bagged up and

left beside the bin or taken home.

People are also being reminded that barbecues are not allowed in any parks in Hackney, apart from in the south west corner of London Fields, by Broadway Market. These must be used with stands to protect the grass. Putting disposable barbecues directly onto the ground burns the grass, which can take months to recover.

Security staff will be on site until the early hours at weekends during the next hot spell. The Council will also run enforcement days, with community wardens and police, when people will be fined for littering, selling nitrous oxide and urinating.

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# Register to vote in the EU referendum

**W**ITH the European Union referendum fast approaching, there is still time to register to vote if residents are not already on the electoral register.

The referendum, on 23 June, will ask voters one question: 'Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union?'

Residents who have recently moved to Hackney are being reminded that they will need to register at their new address if they have not already done so.

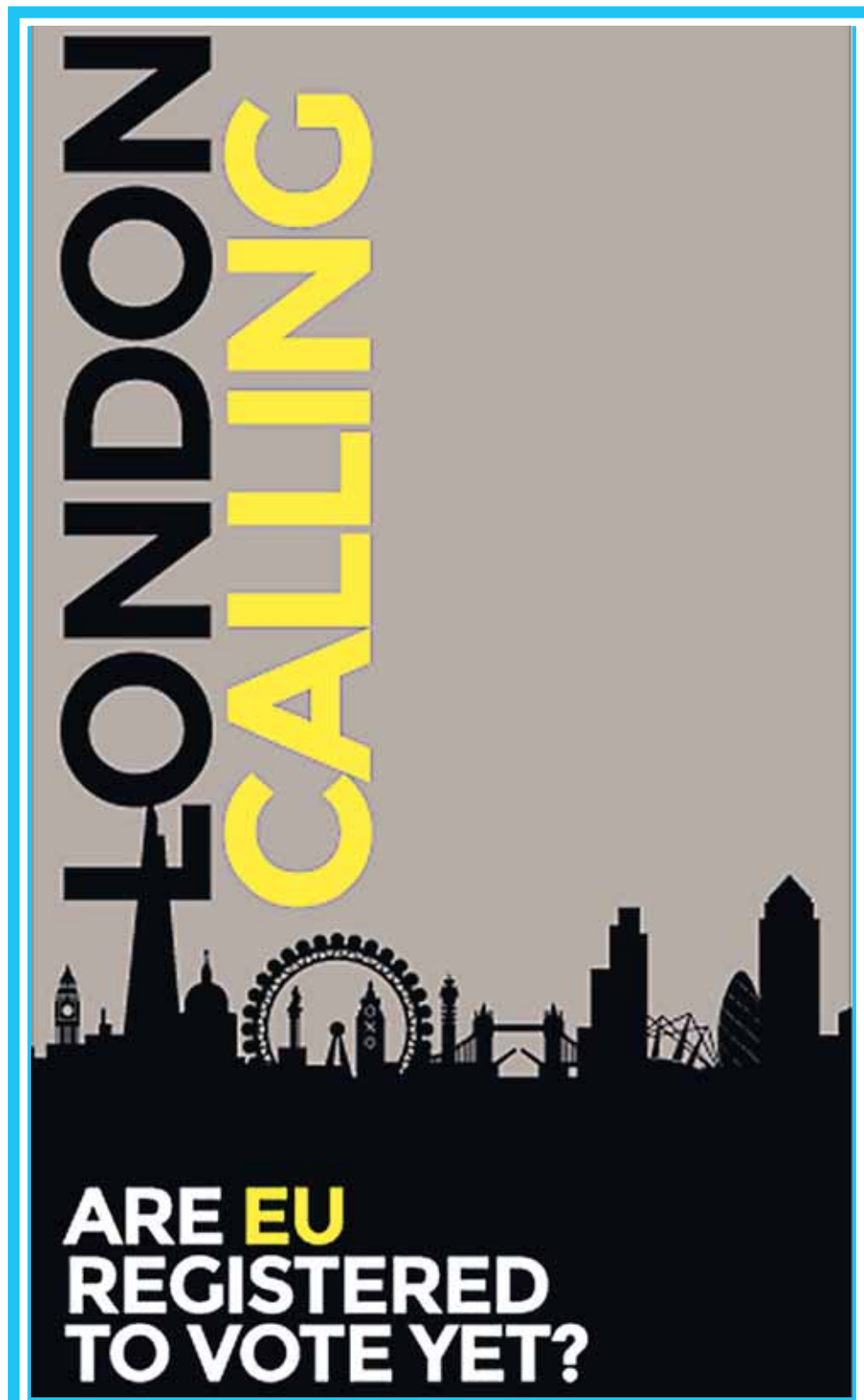
However, if they are already registered to vote under the Individual Electoral Registration (IER) system, they do not need to do so again. Anyone who is unsure if they are registered, or not, can contact the Council to check.

To be able to vote in the referendum residents must be registered to vote by 7 June; be at least 18-years-old on 23 June; be a British, Irish or Commonwealth citizen living in the UK, or a UK national living abroad who has been on the electoral register in the past 15 years.

The referendum is also open to Commonwealth citizens in Gibraltar.

Poll cards will be sent out between 19 May and 21 June. The later people register to vote, the later they will receive their poll cards. Most voters who were on the register before 15 April will receive their poll cards before the end of this month.

Residents who wish to vote by post for the first time are being urged to apply for a postal vote as soon as possible, before the deadline of



Residents are reminded to register to vote, by 7 June, to have their say in the EU referendum on 23 June

5pm on 8 June. Residents who usually vote by post do not need to apply for a postal vote again.

The last batch of postal votes will be sent out on 18 June. Postal votes must

be received by the Council by 10pm on 23 June.

The deadline for applying for a proxy vote, which allows someone to appoint someone else to cast their vote for them, is 15 June.

## MORE INFO

For more info, e-mail: [electoralservices@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@hackney.gov.uk); call: 020 8356 3000; or visit: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)





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# Party like it's 2016

Get your glad rags on and join in the fun at the Hackney One Carnival on 11 September

**T**HE Hackney One Carnival is set to return on 11 September with spectacular costumes, energetic dance moves, banging sound systems and incredible live music from around the world.

The Council-run event will fill the borough with colour and sounds as hundreds of performers from carnival and community groups join residents in celebration of Hackney's thriving cultures and creativity.

A procession will weave its way between Dalston and Hackney Central, plus there will be performances

**“The Hackney One Carnival is one of East London's stand-out events, jam-packed with a fantastic variety of costumes”**

from some of Hackney's best young musicians, an all-day play area in Gillett Square, and a carnival party at Ridley Road with global food, arts and crafts.

Ridley Road residents and businesses are invited to dress the front of their homes and shops in the most vibrant carnival decorations they can find, to be in with a chance of

scooping a prize.

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture, said: “The Hackney One Carnival is one of East London's stand-out events, jam-packed with a fantastic variety of costumes to brighten up the borough and music to get everyone dancing.

“I want to see as many

people lining the route as possible to make this year's carnival the best ever, celebrating all that is great about Hackney. Get the date in your diary and join in the fun.”

Volunteers are needed to help steward the procession, and register carnival groups plus other jobs on the day. Performers should register their interest by 13 June.

## MORE INFO

Interested volunteers should e-mail: [info@sygmasafety.co.uk](mailto:info@sygmasafety.co.uk); performers should e-mail: [pax.nindi@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:pax.nindi@hackney.gov.uk)

## News in brief



### Lea Bridge station re-opens

BUNTING, flags and excited school children were out in full force on 16 May, to officially mark the reopening of Lea Bridge train station.

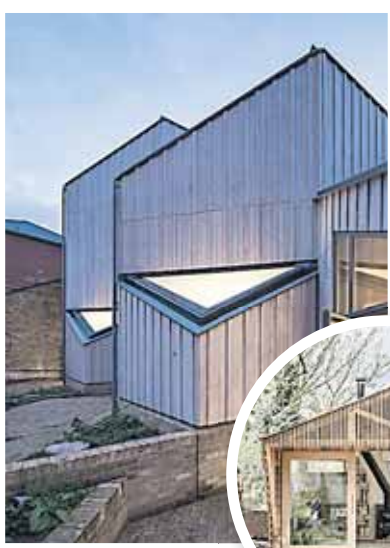
With direct links to Stratford and Tottenham Hale, the station will offer passengers journey times as short as five minutes, compared to the 40 minutes these journeys currently take by bus.

The station lies just to the north of Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and on the edge of the Lea Valley Park. It is just 10 minutes' walk from the Hackney/Waltham Forest boundary, on Lea Bridge Road, and is served by buses 48, 55 and 56 from Hackney.

At the station re-opening, which was funded by Waltham Forest Council, a new cycle hub was also unveiled, providing secure parking for up to 50 bicycles for just £10 a year.



## Nominations to open for Hackney Design Awards in June



**THE search is on for the borough's best new buildings and public spaces for the Hackney Design Awards, with nominations opening on 3 June.**

Architects, residents and visitors to Hackney are being encouraged to nominate their favourite buildings and public spaces of high quality design, completed since August 2014, for the prestigious

biennial awards.

Anyone can nominate and there are a variety of projects eligible for an award, including: residential, commercial, community, educational and industrial uses.

Alterations to existing buildings can also be nominated, as can projects that improve a street or a park.

Entries will be shortlisted and judged by an independent panel of architects and urban design experts. The awards will be

announced later in the year.

To be eligible for an award, buildings or projects must have been completed in the last two years and must be in Hackney.

Cllr Guy Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, said: “The Hackney Design Awards celebrate great architecture in our borough and recognise the contribution that good design makes to our quality of life.”

David Mikhail, from Mikhail Riches architects, and one of the winners from the Hackney

Design Awards 2014, added:

“It was a fantastic experience to plan, build, and now live in Hackney. For architecture to be encouraged by the Council in this way – and to make buildings we can all be proud of – is terrific.”

For more information, and to make a nomination for a favourite building design, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/designawards](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/designawards); e-mail: [designawards@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:designawards@hackney.gov.uk); or call: 020 8356 2385.



# Changes to rubbish and recycling collections



Collections will be affected by the holidays  
from **Monday 30 May** to **Saturday 4 June**

Please put your recycling and refuse out before 7am on the correct day

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 30 May	Tuesday 31 May
Tuesday 31 May	Wednesday 1 June
Wednesday 1 June	Thursday 2 June
Thursday 2 June	Friday 3 June
Friday 3 June	Saturday 4 June

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The Speaker of the Council is a serving councillor elected to the office for one year by fellow Council members

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# Speaking up for Hackney

**T**HE Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Sade Etti, will hang up her ceremonial chain when her year-long role comes to an end on 25 May.

Looking back on her year in office, she recalled: "It has been fantastic, I feel honoured to have worn the chain and represented the people of Hackney. I have been able to meet people from all walks of life, raise the profile of three great charities and even meet the Queen!"

The role of Speaker exists to fulfil ceremonial duties on behalf of the Council, and raise awareness for nominated charities.

A councillor for Clissold ward, Cllr Etti has attended over 350 events as Speaker,

taken part in 33 citizenship ceremonies (which have created 999 new citizens) and raised over £18,000 for her chosen charities: Hackney Food Bank; Immediate Theatre; and Hestia, a domestic abuse refuge charity.

Her support for these charities included helping, along with other Council staff, to pack 231 Christmas food parcels for Hackney Food Bank; attending some fantastic performances by young people at Immediate Theatre; and arranging discussions with the borough's faith leaders to support the charity Hestia.

Cllr Etti said: "One of the highlights of being Speaker was starting a community conversation on domestic abuse which involved

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Cllr Sade Etti and schoolchildren during Bike around the Borough

talking to faith leaders and congregations so people in these communities would have the confidence to come forward."

She has also met foreign

hosting the first Speaker's children's fancy dress party, which she hopes will now become an annual event.

She was also keen to get young people involved in community engagements, running a competition with schools to win afternoon tea with local MP Meg Hillier in the Houses of Parliament.

Although she is a busy mum-of-four, Cllr Etti always takes the opportunity to keep active and was keen to promote sport in the borough.

One of her most recent engagements was to give a speech at the start of the Run Hackney half marathon on 8 May.

She also attended many school sports days and celebrated Hackney's win

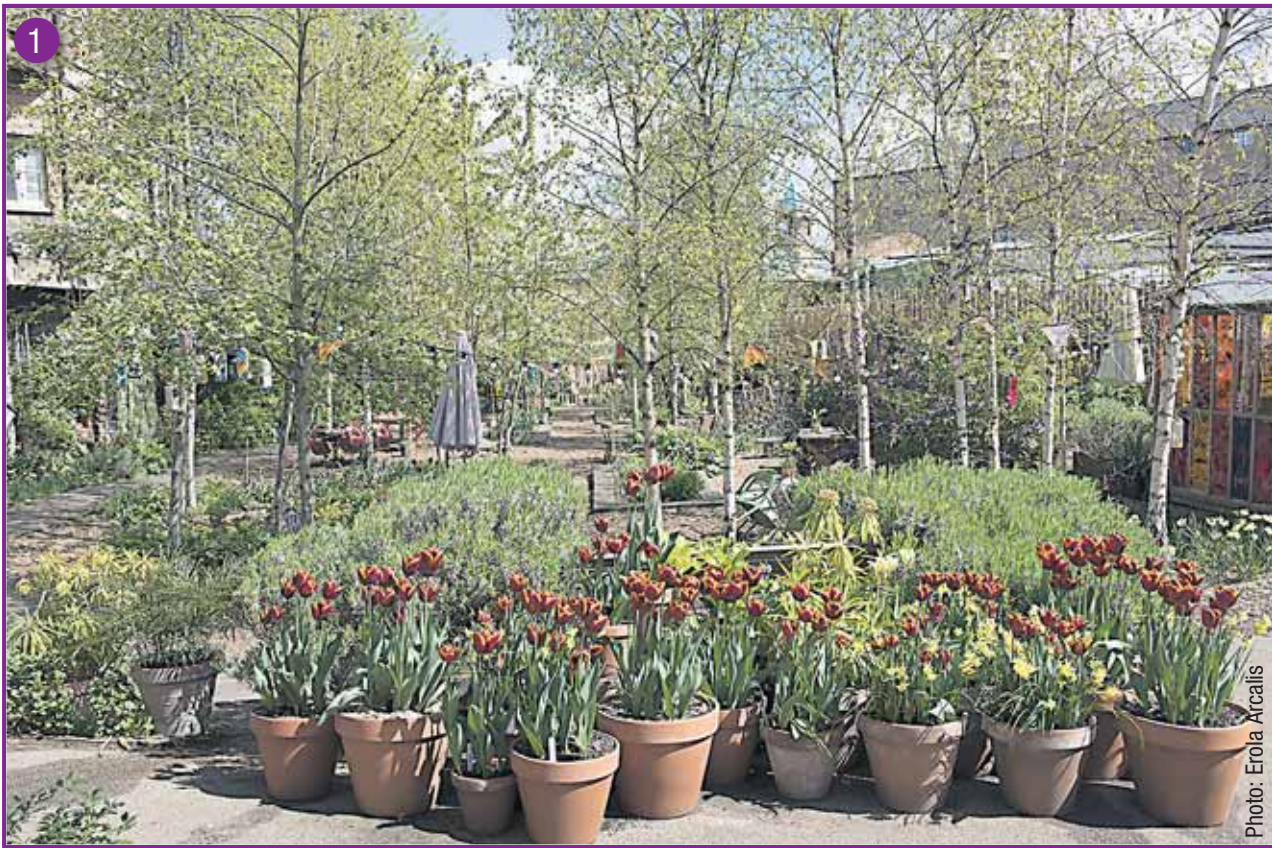
at the Lord's Taverner Disability Cricket Championships.

Cllr Etti will be chairing the Annual General Meeting at the Town Hall on the 25 May as her last engagement as Speaker.

She said of her experience: "No two days have been the same, I feel that I have been able to show those from outside Hackney the great things the borough has to offer, from our beautiful parks to our sporting events and world class schools.

"I hope I have been able to increase participation in what the Council does from all members of the community. Our strength is in our diversity and we must not take that for granted."





1. Dalston Eastern Curve; 2. Abney Park; 3. St Joseph's Hospice; 4. St Mary's Secret Garden; 5. The Growing Kitchen; 6. Geffrye Museum Gardens; 7. Fassett Square



# Secret gardens

Discover Hackney's beautiful green spaces for Open Garden Squares Weekend on 18-19 June

**F**ROM traditional private squares to contemporary roof gardens, via skips, barges, museums, schools and allotments... Over 200 gardens will be unlocked to the public for Open Garden Squares Weekend on 18 to 19 June.

Some of these gardens are private, others are not normally open at weekends, and all are hidden gems. Most are cared for by dedicated volunteer groups, passionate about their garden and their local community. For a single weekend, one £12/14 ticket allows you access to all of them, as well as a full programme of tours, art activities and guided walks.

This year, 11 Hackney gardens are taking part

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in the festival. Natalie Mady, who helps to run Cordwainers Garden off Mare Street, said: “The garden is quite hidden so for us Open Garden Squares Weekend gives us the opportunity to show others what our group has achieved.

“We love welcoming new people into the space, sharing our experience and hopefully this

inspires others to do the same. This year we'll have the finished piece from our



‘Grow a London Garment’ project on display, as well as tea, delicious cakes and plants for sale.”

Elsewhere in Hackney, the place that inspired the BBC television series EastEnders – Fassett Square – will be on show, while gardening activities for children will be hosted in the Geffrye Museum's grounds.

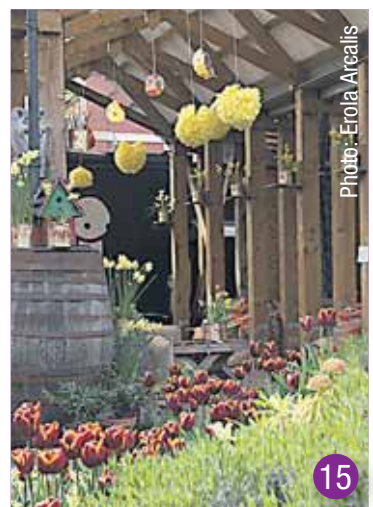
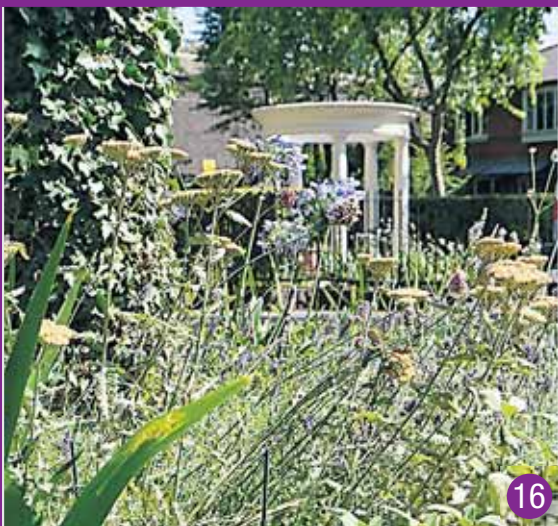
Nancy Loader, the museum's Communication Manager, said: “We want to welcome as many people as possible to discover and enjoy our gardens, which are described as an oasis in the heart of the city.”

Q&A sessions with founders and volunteers at Dalston Eastern Curve Garden will be accompanied by pizzas,



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8. Fassett Square; 9. St Joseph's Hospice;  
10. Cordwainers Garden; 11. Geffrye Museum  
gardens; 12. The Castle garden; 13. Flax at  
Cordwainers Garden; 14. St Mary's Secret  
Garden; 15. Dalston Eastern Curve; 16.  
Gloucester Square Residents' Garden

baked in the clay oven.

Marie Murray who co-runs the space, said: "We love the enthusiasm for the garden from the visitors who come from far and wide for Open Garden Squares Weekend. We are always very proud to show them how this old railway line has been transformed into a green haven for people and wildlife.

"For many of the visitors it's an opportunity to visit Hackney for the first time and see a side of the borough that they didn't know existed. It's great to hear many of them say 'I wish we had a garden like this where we live!'"

Meanwhile, if you head down to the award-winning Gloucester Square Residents' Garden, situated

between Haggerston Park and Regent's Canal, you can see how a once neglected area has been turned into a thriving community garden.

At The Growing Kitchen, in a quiet corner of Hoxton, you can witness how residents transformed a formerly disused site into a beautiful shared garden.

Head down Mare Street



### Locations and times for Open Garden Squares Weekend in Hackney

**Abney Park, N16 0LH:** 8am-8pm, Sat and Sun, with a guided walk at 2pm on Sun  
**The Castle Garden, N4 2HA:** 11am-4pm, Sat  
**Clissold Community Garden, N16 9EX:** Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 12.30-4pm  
**Cordwainers Garden, E8 3RE:** Sat, 11.30am-3.30pm  
**Dalston Eastern Curve Garden, E8 3DF:** Sat 11am-10.30pm; Sun, 11am-10pm  
**Fassett Square, E8 1DQ:** Sun, 10am-5pm  
**Geffrye Museum Gardens, E2 8EA:** Sat and Sun, 10am-5pm  
**Gloucester Square Residents' Gardens, E2 8RS:** Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 12noon-5pm  
**The Growing Kitchen, N1 7HU:** Sun, 10am-5pm  
**St Joseph's Hospice Garden, E8 4SA:** Sat and Sun, 10am-5pm  
**St Mary's Secret Garden, E2 8EL:** Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 11am-4pm

### MORE INFO

For more info, and tickets, to Open Garden Squares Weekend and the Hackney gardens involved, visit: [www.opensquares.org](http://www.opensquares.org)



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Hackney is one of the most diverse places in the UK. In this regular feature, we profile the borough's great & good or just plain interesting

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Photo: Adam Holt

## On cloud nine

Eleanor Wilson, founder of community arts centre Passing Clouds, hopes the space will continue to thrive after it celebrates its 10-year anniversary

By **Harriet Worsley**

**DISCOVERED** Dalston by accident," laughs Eleanor Wilson, founder of Passing Clouds, the Richmond Road live music venue and community arts centre that celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

Adding: "I had been studying in Berlin and the friend I was flat hunting with was desperate to move to Islington. Finally, we found the one flat we could afford with an N1 postcode. It definitely wasn't Islington, but I was glad: that wasn't my scene and I fell in love with Dalston immediately."

She has never really looked back. Even today, she talks passionately about the 'economic vibrancy,' she discovered in the area.

Eleanor continues: "There was this electric atmosphere of shops, businesses and people from all over the

world all doing business with each other. And it's such a multicultural place, but I realised there wasn't really anywhere for all these different groups to socialise under one roof. They were all interacting economically, but not socially."

So the idea of Passing Clouds was born: 'a space where everyone is welcome'.

Eleanor says: "Our vision was unique and there was no model for what we were doing. On a business level, though, we were stepping into the unknown."

Nevertheless, she began to look for premises, finding nothing affordable, until one day she noticed an empty building and called the number listed on the security notice outside.

She recalls: "It all happened so fast. Suddenly, I had signed the lease and had the keys. It was the beginning of an incredibly steep learning curve."

Together with a dedicated

**“Over the decade, we have gone from being the black sheep, to being cherished by the community”**

crew of local artists and musicians, Eleanor opened the building in June 2006. She says: "I was so used to London bars where, as soon as you walked in, you were made to feel fat, old or unfashionable."

"Passing Clouds was the antidote of all that. It didn't matter if you were an 80-year-old Kurdish shopkeeper or an 18-year-old Nigerian musician, as long as you had an open and humble attitude."

We wanted to celebrate everyone's uniqueness."

Accordingly, one of the first decisions was to put on music events that showcased the many global musical traditions that were to be found within Hackney.

Passing Clouds was busy from the moment it opened its doors. Not that it was easy. Eleanor recalls: "We had to learn the financial, legal, and health and safety requirements from scratch, and juggle all those concerns

while keeping the space open and flexible."

"It was unbelievably tough at times. I think we only really found our feet in the last couple of years."

Eleanor is especially proud of the People's Kitchen that occurred every Sunday for five years. She explains: "We would collect all the organic food that local shops would otherwise throw away and put on a huge vegetarian banquet that people could eat for free, or just for a donation. The space would be filled with trestle tables and afterwards, we would screen a film and then there would be a jam session."

"A whole evening of food, film and music. All free. It was an enormous endeavour and took a lot of love, but it was a magnificent thing."

Passing Cloud's 10th birthday party looks set to be a big one. Internationally renowned artists like Lee Scratch Perry and the Sun Ra Arkestra have already

played and others like Osibisa and Linton Kwesi Johnson are all lined up to mark the occasion.

But there is a shadow hanging over proceedings. The building has been sold to a developer and while Eleanor is determined to stay on, Passing Cloud's fate is as yet unknown.

"I am not daunted," she says. "Over the decade, we have gone from being the black sheep, to being cherished by the community. We have never had a violent crime incident in our 10 years. We're a model of how the night time economy can function without attracting antisocial behaviour. There's so much more we want to do and we want to do it here."

### MORE INFO

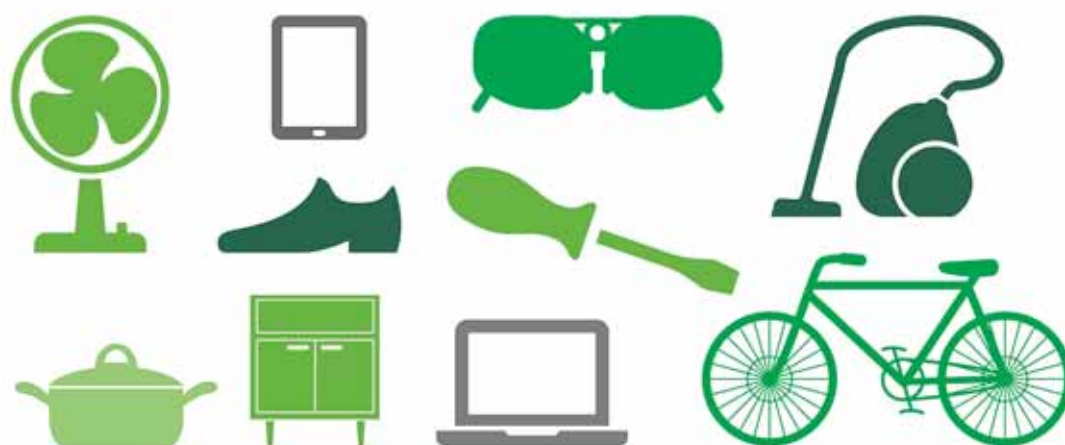
For more info on events at Passing Clouds, visit: [www.passingclouds.org](http://www.passingclouds.org)

### Curriculum Vitae: Eleanor Wilson

<b>1976</b>	Born in Germany
<b>2000</b>	Moves to Dalston
<b>2006</b>	Founds Passing Clouds
<b>2012</b>	Passing Clouds threatened with closure
<b>2016</b>	Passing Clouds celebrates its 10th anniversary



# Repair *and* Re-use Day



## Saturday 11 June 2016, 11am–3pm

London Fields *(Martello Street entrance)*  
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Get rid of your unwanted items  
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need for free. You don't have to  
give to take and you don't have  
to take to give. It's like a jumble  
sale where no money changes  
hands.

## Dr Bike

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# Cycling's role in the future



Photos from the 2015 Hackney Cycling Conference; this year's event will take place on 10 June

**T**ICKETS are now on sale for the fifth annual Hackney Cycling Conference, set to take place at Hackney Picturehouse on 10 June.

The theme for this year's conference, organised by the Council and Hackney Cycling Campaign, is 'cycling's role in the future transport mix of world-class megacities'. Talks, Q&As, videos and exhibitions will explore what mixes of approaches are likely to be successful in today's complex and diverse cities.

It is hoped this topic will generate lively debate on how to capture cycling's potential as an instrument of transport policy and

**“Over the past five years the Hackney Cycling Conference has become a highlight of the cycling calendar”**

planning, against a backdrop of huge urban growth and change.

The conference will be chaired by Dr Tom Cohen, Deputy Director UCL Transport Institute. Keynote speakers will include Rune Gjos, Director of the Agency for Bicycling in the City of Oslo, and, back by popular demand Dr Robin Lovelace, from the School of Geography at Leeds University.

Over 200 professionals,

campaigners and politicians are expected to attend, with talks and workshops led by experts at international, national and grassroots level. Speakers will present forward-thinking studies from across a range of sectors including: road safety, public health, policy, technology and engineering.

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, said: “Over the past five years

the Hackney Cycling Conference has become one of the highlights of the cycling calendar and is not to be missed.

“It is the perfect time to talk about the future of cycling in the capital and influence policy just as the new Mayor of London develops his transport strategy.”

Tickets cost or £60, or £40 for people who work for local authorities or not-for-profit organisations, including lunch.

## MORE INFO

For more information, and to buy tickets, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/cycling-conference](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/cycling-conference)

## News in brief

### Knit towards a common thread

LOVE all things horticultural? Residents are invited to get involved in the fifth Chelsea Fringe Festival, until 12 June, hosted at different settings across London.

In Hackney, Common Thread, a knitting group run by SNUG (Stoke Newington Common Users' Group) has re-created the common as a 3D model, displayed in Stoke Newington library.

The knitting group is putting on talks and workshops for adults and children, as well as tours of the model.

Adults, proficient in knitting and crocheting, can learn how to make a woollen tree on 28 May, from 2-4pm, at Stoke Newington Library. Children (seven to 12-years-old) can also learn how to knit a tree, on 11 June, from 10.30am-12.30pm, or 2-4pm, at Stoke Newington Library.

To book a workshop, e-mail: [commonthreadworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:commonthreadworkshop@gmail.com). For more info on the Chelsea Fringe, visit: [www.chelseafringe.com/events/](http://www.chelseafringe.com/events/)



### Help clean up the New River

THE New River runs from Hertfordshire to Stoke Newington, past Woodberry Down and the new Woodberry Wetlands nature reserve.

On 28 May, charities Thames 21 and Cleanup UK are organising a day of action to help clean up the footpath along the river from 10am to 2pm. There are two meeting points in Hackney: Green Lanes/Rowley Gardens, N4, and 1 Newton Close, N4.

The first 30 volunteers to sign up will get a free meal at the newly opened Woodberry Wetlands. Provided by Manor House Development Trust, the meal will use surplus food donated by local shops and be cooked by volunteers. For more info, or to sign up, visit: [www.thames21.org.uk/events](http://www.thames21.org.uk/events) or call: 07469 660 842.

## Help conserve the declining population of swifts by installing bird boxes



FROM June, swifts are set to be visible in various locations across the borough including Hackney Marshes and Hackney Downs (near Cricketfield Road and Clarence Road).

Swifts fly into the UK for three months each summer to breed, some setting up a temporary home here in Hackney. Swifts pair for life,

meeting up each spring at the same nest site.

Sadly, their numbers have declined by 42 per cent between 1995 and 2013 in the UK. This is because swifts nest high up under the eaves of old houses and churches where the birds are able to drop into the air from the nest entrance. New build properties tend not to be

suitable for them.

However, conservationists in Hackney have been helping by building four nesting boxes on top of Hackney Central station and six at the new Pembury Circus development. Four boxes were also installed in the bell tower at St John-at-Hackney Church, with recorded bird song to attract

other swifts – as they nest in colonies – which can be heard from June to August.

Local swift experts are keen to work with developers to install even more boxes. Residents interested in creating their own boxes should visit: [www.swift-conservation.org](http://www.swift-conservation.org). For more info e-mail: [hackneyswifts@gmail.com](mailto:hackneyswifts@gmail.com)



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**What is the Beyond Business Programme?**

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**Is my idea for a Social Enterprise eligible?**

- To be eligible for a start up grant of up to £17,000 your idea for a Social Enterprise must:
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- Stage 2: Applicants successful at Stage 1 will be invited for an interview.
- Stage 3: Applicants successful at Stage 2 complete a business plan, with support from the Beyond Business team.
- Stage 4: Applicants successful at Stage 3 present their business idea and plan to an independent Dragons' Den panel on 27th September 2016 - funding then approved for successful applicants.

**Need an expression of interest form?**

Please contact: **Kim Hayman**, Beyond Business, Bromley by Bow Centre,  
St Leonard's St, E3 3BT

Telephone: **020 8709 9722**  
Email: **kimh@bbbc.org.uk**

The closing date for Submission of Expressions of Interest is 5pm 31st May 2016.

For full details on eligibility and any other information, please contact **Kim Hayman**





# what's on

## TOP FIVE

There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:

### 1. DIGITAL ART EXHIBITION

The launch of a permanent exhibition displaying over six screens of work

► See Art & Exhibitions

### 2. BEGIN TO WRITE

Creative writers will produce new writing through exercises around plot, character, setting, dialogue, and description

► See Courses

### 3. YOGA BRUNCH

An invigorating and energising dynamic Vinyasa yoga session followed by brunch

► See Health, Fitness & Sport

### 4. HEAR NO EVIL

A one-day festival featuring music, comedy, great beer, and over 50 live acts

► See Theatre & Live Entertainment

### 5. GORGEOUS GARDENS

Enjoy a walk and talk with the gardeners at Geffrye Museum

► See Noticeboard

## ART & EXHIBITIONS

## CINEMA

## COURSES

## HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

## YOUNG PEOPLE

## NIGHTLIFE

## THEATRE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

## NOTICEBOARD



Clockwise from top left: Judith Kerr, Owen Jones, Tom Huddleston and Zandra Rhodes



## PREVIEW

## Stoke Newington Literary Festival

3-5 June, various locations

SUPERSTAR novelist Irvine Welsh described it as 'unique... the proper London LitFest'. Comedian Robin Ince has called it 'a lovingly curated, local-yet-global happening'.

The Stoke Newington Literary Festival launched in 2010 with a programme of 28 events. This year, it springs up in venues across the area from 3 to 5 June, with over 80 adult events and 20 designed exclusively for kids, all either free or under a tenner.

► For more info, visit: [www.stokenewingtonliteraryfestival.com](http://www.stokenewingtonliteraryfestival.com)

See local authors and international names (images above). Get stuck into feminism, food, politics, fiction or music genres from punk to grime. Dig into the nefarious dealings of the CIA, take a walking tour of Kurdish bakeries or explore the Gothic in a candlelit church. There really is something for every book worm.

Can't decide? 91-year-old Judith Kerr OBE will also be talking about escaping the Holocaust and her world famous books, including 'Mog' and 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'.

## also in what's on



NIGHTLIFE



HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

Photo: Diaston Children's Festival





**ART &  
EXHIBITIONS****WELL HUNG RE-HANG**

Until 28 May, 9.30am/11am-6pm

Well Hung gallery brings together artists whose works are influenced by iconography, the mystical, surreal and everyday. This carefully selected group exhibit beautiful yet thought provoking imagery using paint and collage pieces. Free. Well Hung, 239 Hoxton Street, N1 5LG. **Info: 020 7033 2777; [wellhung.co.uk/exhibitions/well-hung-re-hang/](http://wellhung.co.uk/exhibitions/well-hung-re-hang/)**

**SKOGAR & SANSU**

Until 25 Jun, Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm

South Korean photographer Boomoon's work centres around a new series of images produced at Skogar falls in Iceland. The selection of black

and white photographs is taken from the same frontal viewpoint, capturing distinct variations of light and form within the arrested momentum of a singular waterfall. Free. All ages. Flowers Gallery, 82 Kingsland Road, E2 8DP. **Info: 020 7920 7777; [www.flowersgallery.com/exhibitions/view/boomoon-skogar-and-sansu](http://www.flowersgallery.com/exhibitions/view/boomoon-skogar-and-sansu)**

**DIGITAL ART EXHIBITION**

Every Mon-Sat, 8am-11.30pm

This Shoreditch venue hire space has partnered with The Lumen Prize (which celebrates the best in digital art) to launch a permanent exhibition displaying over six screens of work. Including Scott Draves's Electric Sheep, and

audio-visual work by Brazilian collective Altera. Free. All ages. BL-NK, 25-27 Curtain Road, Shoreditch, EC2A 3LT. **Info: 020 3289 7859; [www.bl-nk.org/events-listings/2016/5/3/umen-digital-art-exhibition-bl-nk](http://www.bl-nk.org/events-listings/2016/5/3/umen-digital-art-exhibition-bl-nk)**

**FISTFUL OF BLOOD AND FEATHERS**

3 Jun-9 Jul, Wed-Sat, 12noon-6pm

Essex landscapes and photos from the Artists Rifles regiment are amongst the subjects in Barry Thompson's exhibition of intricate drawings. Thompson's work deals with sites of memory both literally and psychologically, tackling

themes of failure, hope, fact, fiction, love and loss. One source has been a World War One photo album. Free. Peer, 97-99 Hoxton Street, N1 6QL. **Info: 020 7739 8080; g; [www.peeruk.org/forthcoming/](http://www.peeruk.org/forthcoming/)**

**CORPOREAL DISCLOSURE**

26 May-5 Jun, Wed-Sun, various opening times

This first solo show by Hackney artist Emma Hunter is a presentation of sculptural objects concerned with both the physical and the psychological. Both made and found objects (tools and machine parts) are utilised in the creation of these new forms. There is a rawness in expression that she hopes will connect with the viewer, and allow consideration of their own body and experience of psychological states. Free. All ages. Hundred Years Gallery, 13 Pearson Street, Hoxton, E2 8JD. **Info: 020 3602 7973; [www.hundredyearsgallery.com/exhibition-corporeal-disclosure/](http://www.hundredyearsgallery.com/exhibition-corporeal-disclosure/)**

**CINEMA****RIO**

Mustang (15); Everybody Wants Some!! (15); Love & Friendship (U); Zootropolis (PG); Solaris (PG); Hot Since '91 Presents: Boyz n The Hood (15); Stalker (15). Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. **Info: 020 7241 9410; [www.riocinema.ndirect.co.uk](http://www.riocinema.ndirect.co.uk)**

**RICH MIX**

Sing Street (12A); X-Men: Apocalypse 2D/3D (12A); Our Kind of Traitor (15); Everybody Wants Some!! (15); Captain America: Civil War 2D (12A); Love Is Thicker Than Water (18). Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA. **Info: 020 7613 7498; [www.richmix.org.uk](http://www.richmix.org.uk)**

**HACKNEY PICTUREHOUSE**

X-Men: Apocalypse 2D/3D (12A); A Hologram For The King (12A); Departure (15); Heart of A Dog (PG); Green Room (18); Everybody Wants Some!! (15); Mustang (15); Captain America: Civil War 2D (12A); The Jungle Book (PG); Angry Birds 2D (U). Hackney Picturehouse, 270 Mare St, E8 1HE. **Info: 0871 902 5734; [www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/hackney\\_picturehouse](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/hackney_picturehouse)**

**COURSES****ILLUSTRATION IN GAMES**

25 May, 6.30-9pm

The last decade has seen a revolution in how we play games and this talk aims to answer questions on how to get involved in game developing. Speakers include makers of Playstation's

Hohokum and puzzle game Monument Valley, which was developed by digital brand Ustwo. Free. Ustwo, 62 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6JJ. **Info: 020 7613 0433; [www.ustwo.com/events/yo-illo-talks](http://www.ustwo.com/events/yo-illo-talks)**

**TEACHERS WORKSHOP - AN INTRODUCTION TO STOP-MOTION ANIMATION**

26 May, 4-5.30pm

This session for teachers will demonstrate how to use animation across the curriculum, whilst developing students' teamwork, problem solving, including imagination and literacy skills. Booking essential via website. Free. Parasol Unit, 14 Wharf Road, N1 7RW. **Info: [kirsteen@parasol-unit.org](mailto:kirsteen@parasol-unit.org); [www.parasol-unit.org/teachers-workshop-an-introduction-to-stop-motion-animation](http://www.parasol-unit.org/teachers-workshop-an-introduction-to-stop-motion-animation)**

**INTRODUCTION TO CAKE DECORATING**

28 May, 18 Jun or 2 Jul, 10am-2pm

Develop knowledge and skills to decorate cakes using butter cream and sugar paste including colouring sugar paste, preparing butter cream, using simple piping strokes and cake toppers, plus a session on how to sell your cakes. Suitable for beginners, or as a refresher. £140, includes cakes, materials and all use of equipment. Ages 18+. Unit 24-25, The Forum Independent Place, Shacklewell Lane, Dalston, E8 2HE. **Info: 020 7249 4542; [Htea@live.co.uk](mailto:Htea@live.co.uk); [www.htea1.com/#!basic-workshops/cdna](http://www.htea1.com/#!basic-workshops/cdna)**

**HACKNEY BIKE WORKSHOP 2 & 8 Jun, 7-9pm**

Volunteers supply tools to help people learn to fix their own bikes. Workshops provide assistance with bicycle maintenance, as well as encouraging cycling in Hackney and beyond, and helping to build community skills and development. Bring your

**Competition****Win tickets to see Taylor Mac at Hackney Empire on 1 June**

THE London-wide festival of international performance in theatre – LIFT 2016 – returns after two years and gets set to open in spectacular style with performance artist extraordinaire Taylor Mac.

For one night only, on 1 June, Mac uses his razor-sharp wit and frivolity to take the audience on an outrageously entertaining romp through the great American songbook at Hackney Empire.

Preferring to go by the name Judy, the New Yorker will sing great classics from the 1920s to the 1950s. The collection showcases some of the most influential songs created for Broadway theatre and Hollywood musical film, and features such memorable tunes as 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow' and 'I'm In The Mood For Love'.

So prepare for unforgettable costumes, a gorgeous voice and tons of feathers and glitter.

LIFT takes place from 1 June to 2 July and features over 20 productions across the capital. For more info, visit: **[www.liftfestival.com](http://www.liftfestival.com)**

**Hackney Today is giving away a pair of tickets to see Taylor Mac at LIFT on 1 June. Send your entry to LIFT competition, Hackney Today, Communications, 1st Floor, Maurice Bishop House, 17 Reading Lane, E8 1NN; or e-mail: [htnews@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:htnews@hackney.gov.uk) by 12pm on 26 May. Submissions must include an address and contact number. Winners will be pulled out of a hat.**



own parts. Free. Donations welcome. Hackney City Farm, 1a Goldsmiths Row, E2 8QA (2 June); Clapton Park URC, Round Chapel Old School Rooms, Powerscroft Road, E5 0PU (8 June). **Info:** [www.hackneybikeworkshop.com](http://www.hackneybikeworkshop.com)



### BEGINNING TO WRITE

2 Jun-7 Jul, Every Thurs, 7-9pm

Over six weeks, creative writers will produce new writing through exercises around plot, character, setting, dialogue, description, and point of view, to develop their skills in writing both novels and short stories. Register in advance. £200. Ages 18+. Leila's Shop, 15-17 Calvert Avenue, Shoreditch, E2 7JP. **Info:** [info@londonlitlab.co.uk](mailto:info@londonlitlab.co.uk); [www.londonlitlab.co.uk/?page\\_id=11](http://www.londonlitlab.co.uk/?page_id=11)



### HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT



### GENTLE EXERCISE

**Every Tues, 2-2.30pm**  
Gentle exercises to stay fit and healthy, followed by a cup of tea and a chat. Suitable for all abilities and fitness levels. Hands Inc, John Crewsdon Court, 26 Annis Road (off Cassland Road), E9 5BQ. Free. Ages 60+. **Info:** 020 3051 8626; [handsinc@handsinc.co.uk](mailto:handsinc@handsinc.co.uk); [www.handsinc.co.uk](http://www.handsinc.co.uk)

### PILATES

**Every Thurs, 6.30pm**  
Pilates is a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total

body. The blend of strength and flexibility training improves posture whilst shaping and toning muscles. Bring own mat. Free. All levels. Meeting point: by the bandstand. Springfield Park, E5 9EF. **Info:** 020 8356 3000; [parks@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:parks@hackney.gov.uk); [www.ourparks.org.uk/borough/pilates-22367](http://www.ourparks.org.uk/borough/pilates-22367)

### YOGA BRUNCH

**Every Sat, 11am**

Start your weekend with an invigorating & energising dynamic Vinyasa yoga session, followed by a brunch with 10 per cent discount for class participants. All levels. Mats provided. £8. Haunt, 182 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7UY. **Info:** 020 7249 1203; [www.hauntlondon.com/event/yoga-brunch/](http://www.hauntlondon.com/event/yoga-brunch/)



### FOOD FOR LESS THAN A PINT

**5 Jun, 12.30-3pm**  
Revisit great British classics with food and nutrition enthusiast Andi Gaywood. From beans on toast to bangers and mash, produce dishes that are healthy and affordable. Free/pay by donation. Suggested minimum £5 per workshop but no one turned away due to lack of funds. Made In Hackney Food Kitchen, Food For All, Basement, 3 Cazenove Road, N16 6PA. **Info:** 020 8442 4266; [www.madeinhackney.org/whats-on/event/feed-for-less-than-a-pint](http://www.madeinhackney.org/whats-on/event/feed-for-less-than-a-pint)



### STOUR SPACE WEEKENDER

**26-30 May, 6-10.30pm**  
Stour Space are teaming up with a host of independent creatives, artists and collectives to curate a full weekend of art, film, music, workshops, poetry, performance, food, drink and more all within Stour Space Art

Gallery on the river. Daytime entry is free. Fri-Sun night times are ticketed. Stour Space, 7 Roach Road, Hackney Wick, E3 2PA. **Info:** 020 8985 7827; [www.stourspace.co.uk/stourspace-weekender/](http://www.stourspace.co.uk/stourspace-weekender/)

### DUGOUT SOUL CLUB

**27 May, 9pm-3am**

A club night dedicated to soul music strictly played on vinyl. Expect to hear the best in Motown, rhythm n blues, and boogaloo. Free. Ages 21+. Mascara Bar, 72 Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, N16 6XS. **Info:** 07751 205 323; [www.facebook.com/dugoutsoulclub/](http://www.facebook.com/dugoutsoulclub/)



### SOUNDCRASH PRESENTS... CLAP! CLAP!

**28 May, 9pm-2am**

Straight out of Italy, DJ Clap! Clap! headlines a night of tropical electronic beats. Italian folk and melodies are mixed with an electronic beat. Joining him on the bill are Anchorsong (Japan), Mo Kolours (Mauritius), and Branko (Portugal), all offering some of the world's finest beats and reshaping dance music culture. £12.50-14.50. Shapes, 117 Wallis Road, Hackney Wick, E9 5LN. **Info:** [www.shapeshackney.com](http://www.shapeshackney.com)

### SUNDAY SKOOL

**29 May, 7pm-4am**

Expect nothing but good vibes old skool music as DJs go back-to-back spinning 80s and 90s classics, hip-hop, new jack swing, RnB, jungle and more. Live acts include Swiss of So Solid Crew. There will also be free cup cakes and a photo booth. £10/25. Ages 21+. Floripa London, 91-93 Great Eastern Street, Shoreditch, EC2A 3HZ. **Info:** 020 7613 4228; [www.londonticketbox.co.uk/event/event?id=17](http://www.londonticketbox.co.uk/event/event?id=17)

### MATT SIMONS

**31 May, 7.30pm**

The New York born singer-songwriter has seen huge



## PREVIEW

## Antiuniversity Now

9-12 June, various locations

REVOLUTION is in the air for this year's Antiuniversity; a re-imagining of an educational experiment that took place in 1968 on Rivington Street, Shoreditch. The organisers of the Antiuniversity hope that the festival will 'challenge academic hierarchy and the exclusivity of education by offering a series of free events in public spaces'. Subjects range from black power to breditation, the housing crisis to DJ classes for kids. The festival is taking place across the country and there are 20 sessions in Hackney at some great local venues

including St Augustine's Tower, Hackney Museum, Clissold Leisure Centre and London Fields.

There are no fees or entry requirements. The ethos of the Antiuniversity is that everyone is a teacher, everyone is a student, and everyone is welcome. Come and take part in the talks, walks, swims, workshops, experiments, performances or interventions and be inspired by the anti-establishmentarianism of 1968.

For more info, or to book tickets, visit: [www.antiuniversity.org](http://www.antiuniversity.org)

success already this year with his single, Catch & Release (Deepend Remix), hitting the number one spot across Europe. Catch this much-anticipated show before the release of his album. £10. Ages 18+. Oslo, 1A Amhurst Road, E8 1LL. **Info:** 020 3553 4831; [www.oslohackney.com/events/matt-simons/](http://www.oslohackney.com/events/matt-simons/)



### HAR MAR SUPERSTAR

**4 Jun, 8pm-1am**

'Oddball dance-pop' and 'dance-pop jokester' are just some of the phrases used to describe Har Mar Superstar. Catch the solo artist along with his six-piece band performing tracks from his new LP 'Best Summer Ever'. £15 adv. Ages

18+. Moth Club, Old Trades Hall, Valette Street, E9 6NU. **Info:** 020 8985 7963; [www.dice.fm/event/har-mar-superstar-4th-jun-moth-club-london-tickets](http://www.dice.fm/event/har-mar-superstar-4th-jun-moth-club-london-tickets)



### KNIFE EDGE

**Until 12 Jun, 7.30pm**

The latest production by The Big House theatre company, 'Knife Edge' is a play about fear, food and family that begins with a murder and ends with a feast. Hosted by POND, a Hawaiian eatery in Dalston, take in this immersive performance about a girl with no name, and the darkly comic world in which she lives. Ages 11+. £20-25. POND Dalston, Stamford Works, 3 Gillett Street, N16 8JH. **Info:** [thebighouse.uk.com/knife-edge/](http://thebighouse.uk.com/knife-edge/)



### HEAR NO EVIL

**29 May, 1pm-3am**

This one-day festival features music, comedy, great beer, over 50 live acts, free beer tasting, musical bingo and food. All cash raised at the volunteer-run event goes to charity. £20. Ages 18+. London Fields Brewery, 365-366 Warburton Street, E8 3RR. **Info:** 020 7254 7174; [www.hearnoevil.org.uk/](http://www.hearnoevil.org.uk/)

### SISTER

**3 Jun, 6.30pm**

How do sibling relationships evolve over the course of a lifetime? Boldly unconventional theatre collective Born Mad explores this emotive theme,



**PREVIEW****Dalston Children's Festival****28 May & 4 June-10 June, various locations in Dalston**

CHILDREN will be spoilt for choice with exciting things to see and do at the free Dalston Children's Festival. Taking place across two weekends of 28 May and 4 June and during the half-term holiday, Dalston Square will be transformed into a giant Play Street playground. Other highlights of the festival include: art, craft and cooking workshops at Dalston Eastern Curve garden with local artists and chefs; a portrait-drawing workshop led by Art Hoppers in Dalston Square; children's music workshop at Vortex Jazz Club;

traditional canal boat painting workshops and boat trips around Kingsland Basin; and a performance of 'Kirikou' by the Hackney French Youth Theatre. Dalston Children's Festival is a community-led event and has been organised by the Dalston Children's Network (DCN), a collective of organisations that have an on-going offer for children and young people in Dalston, and is supported and funded by Hackney Council. For more info, visit: [www.dalstonchildren.org.uk](http://www.dalstonchildren.org.uk)

inspired and crafted by interviews with sisters from around the world. £12. Ages 16+. Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA. **Info: 020 7613 7498; [www.richmix.org.uk/events/theatre/sister](http://www.richmix.org.uk/events/theatre/sister)**

**A TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA WOOD****9 Jun, 7pm**

Join in this tribute to comedy royalty, Victoria Wood, at this Dalston venue which will be screening her best clips, plus live performances including alt drag superstar John Sizzle at the piano. £5-10. All profits go to Cancer Research. The Glory, 281 Kingsland Road,

E2 8AS. **Info: 020 7684 0794; [www.theglory.co/events/grimehouse-liberace-night/](http://www.theglory.co/events/grimehouse-liberace-night/)**

**YOUNG PEOPLE****MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP****30 May-3 Jun, 10am-4am**

Tori Allen and Sarah Henley will be workshoping extracts from their new musical, Tree, and are looking for actors, singers and dancers/movers with creative spirits to take part. The extracts used in the workshops incorporate Idris Elba's 'mi Mandela' album, which he wrote with a group of British and South African artists including Maverick Sabre and George the Poet. Booking essential. Free. Ages 15-21. **Info: [projects@hackneyempire.co.uk](mailto:projects@hackneyempire.co.uk); [www.hackneyempire.co.uk](http://www.hackneyempire.co.uk)**

**MANY HANDS****31 May-3 Jun, 10am-4pm**

Inspired by the jobs done by families and servants around the home through the centuries, young creatives will make natural cleaning products, bake biscuits and plant seeds. Free. Ages 5-16. All children aged 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, Hoxton, E2 8EA. **Info: 020 7739 9893; [www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/events-calendar/](http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/events-calendar/)**

**YOUTH WORKSHOP-UNCANNY VALLEY****1-3 Jun, 10am-4pm**

Over a three day series of

workshops, young people will be encouraged to use both analogue and digital photography, moving image and sound, to explore the zone between the natural and unnatural. Through the manipulation of images, artist educator Charlotte Young will help them discover how photography can be used in storytelling, as well as documentation. The workshops will culminate in an exhibition of the work produced by participants. Booking essential. Free. Ages 12-18. Parasol Unit Foundation For Contemporary Art, 14 Wharf Road, N1 7RW. **Info: [lala@parasol-unit.org](mailto:lala@parasol-unit.org); [www.parasol-unit.org/youth-workshop-uncanny-valley](http://www.parasol-unit.org/youth-workshop-uncanny-valley)**

**HALF TERM WORKSHOPS WITH TEMPTING FAILURE****1 & 4 Jun, various times**

Performance art festival Tempting Failure presents workshops for young people with an interest in art and performance. On 1 June, walking & drawing encourages 11 to 16-year-olds to create stories through drawing, taking inspiration from the urban environment. On 4 June, through a series of games and exercises, 15 to 19-year-olds will look at how they might make performance work that actively involves the audience. Booking essential. Free. Hackney Showroom, Hackney Downs Studios, Amhurst Terrace, E8 2BT. **Info: 020 3095 9747; [www.hackneyshowroom.com/halfterm/](http://www.hackneyshowroom.com/halfterm/)**

**SEEING THE DOCTOR****24 May, 10.30am-12.30pm**

The borough's Older People's Reference Group will hold

a meeting to discuss GP services. Find out how you can get involved and make your voices heard. Speakers on the day include, Alison Goodlad, Head of London Primary Care NHS England; Dr Mark Rickets, CCG Clinical Lead for Primary Care Quality and more. Free. Ages 50+. Pembury Community Centre, Pembury Circus, 1 Atkins Square, E8 1FA (junction of Dalston Lane and Amhurst Road). **Info: 020 7241 5906; [david.holland@ageukeastlondon.org.uk](mailto:david.holland@ageukeastlondon.org.uk)**

**GORGEOUS GARDENS****25 May, 2-3pm**

Enjoy a walk and talk with gardeners at the Geffrye Museum. Its beautiful period gardens illustrate how urban green spaces have changed over the centuries. The event is part of the annual festival of flowers and gardens, Chelsea Fringe. Free. All ages. Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, E2 8EA. **Info: 020 7739 9893; [www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/events-calendar/](http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/events-calendar/)**

**LONDON FIELDS JUMBLE &****CRAFT FAIR****28 May, 1.30-5.30pm**

Talented crafters will be selling beautiful handmade items from baby blankets to jewellery, and jumble stall holders will be offering hard-to-beat bargains. Take advantage of the family photographer, face painting and tasty home bakes. £1 adults/ free for children. All ages. St Michaels & All Angels Church, Lansdowne Drive, London Fields, E8 3ER. **Info: [contact@babybints.co.uk](mailto:contact@babybints.co.uk); [www.babybints.co.uk/events/](http://www.babybints.co.uk/events/)**

**MAURITIAN SUPPERCLUB****28 May, 7.30-9.30pm**

Four courses of delicious Mauritian home-cooked delights await, with a welcoming rum cocktail and prize bingo played in between courses. Bring your own beers. All ages. £25. St Barnabas Church, Shacklewell Row, Dalston, E8 2EA. **Info: 07581 369 424/ 020 8345 5030; [www.grubclub.com/moreish-us](http://www.grubclub.com/moreish-us)**

**EAST LONDON COMICS & ARTS FESTIVAL****10-12 Jun, 11am/12noon-6/7pm**

ELCAF welcomes over 100 international artists showcasing their illustration, comics and sequential art as well as offering workshops, talks, screenings, installations and music. £5/10 for weekend pass. Round Chapel, E5 OPU and MKII Gallery, E5 OPT. **Info: 020 7033 4430; [www.elcaf.co.uk/](http://www.elcaf.co.uk/)**

**what's on****Important information for submissions**

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: **[www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson)**

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information.

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing.

**Competitions****Hackney Today offered readers a chance to win tickets to NOW 16 in issue 378.**

The winners were S Valente, E5 & O Orupabo, N16.



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# education



## Future sounds of Hackney

**A**LL students in a Year 4 primary school class are now able to play a musical instrument thanks to a new programme being piloted in their school.

Children at Whitmore Primary School have become so adept that they are able to perform hits such as Taylor Swift's 'Shake It Off' and 'Halo' by Beyonce.

Four primary schools in Hackney – Whitmore, St Matthias, Morningside and Princess May – have been testing out the Just Play initiative, which is run by Musical Futures, an organisation that aims to get all primary schoolchildren playing a

**“I absolutely love Just Play lessons. We work together and have become musical as a class”**

range of instruments.

A Year 4 pupil at Whitmore, Gloria Diji, said: “I absolutely love Just Play lessons. We work together and have become musical as a class.”

The Just Play project engages students in practical learning that uses music which is modern and relevant to children's own music interests. The pilot has been so successful in Hackney that Musical Futures is now rolling

it out across the UK and in Australia.

The Hackney pilot revealed that children's educational attainment improved after taking part in the programme. An interim report concluded that it increased concentration and focus, improved attitudes towards learning new things, and increased memory skills.

Sarah Jameel, music co-ordinator at Whitmore Primary School, said:

“Since becoming part of Musical Future's Just Play pilot, Whitmore's music curriculum has transformed dramatically. We even have a new vibrant and dedicated music room.

“Children and teachers alike now look forward to their weekly music lessons where they get an opportunity to learn the guitar, keyboard, drums and bass guitar.”

### MORE INFO

Interested schools should contact the Hackney Learning Trust Music Service on: **020 7241 7407**; or e-mail: **music@learningtrust.co.uk**



## News in brief

### Hackney schoolgirl speaks out

A HACKNEY schoolgirl has won a place in a London-wide public speaking competition with a moving speech about making a difference.

Ferdosi Abbott, a Year 10 student at City Academy, Hackney, won the borough heat of the annual Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge, a competition run by Speakers Trust, with funding from the Jack Petchey Foundation, to promote confidence and public speaking amongst students.

Ferdosi, who came first out of 14 finalists at the event at Skinners' Academy, gave a speech about being a speck in the universe yet making an impact no matter how small you are.

She said: “I felt overwhelmed and I couldn't believe it when they called my name. It was a great experience and I loved having my voice heard.”

Along with the finalists from other London boroughs and Essex, Ferdosi will now take part in the grand final on 4 July.



### Chance to improve literacy

EDUCATION charity, Achievement for All, is inviting primary schools in Hackney to take part in a trial aimed at improving children's literacy levels.

It is being funded by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), to evaluate and deliver the charity's schools programme, which aims to improve the outcomes for children who aren't achieving against national averages. Places on the trial are limited to just 140 primary schools and will be on a strictly first come, first served basis. Half the schools will receive bespoke content and coaching, and the other half will receive a £1,000 payment in exchange for a small amount of data. Any primary schools interested in taking part should e-mail: **takepart@afaeducation.org**

## Schoolgirls from The Bridge Academy mark international Girls in ICT Day



RESEARCH shows that women account for just 18 per cent of specialists within the information and communications technology (ICT) sector, but an event bringing together Hackney schoolgirls with technology leaders sought to change that. Organised by mobile

industry organisation GSMA to mark international Girls in ICT Day on 28 April, a class of Year 8 students from The Bridge Academy met leading women in the sector to hear how they can get involved in ICT.

The students learnt how to create a start-up from Marina Atarova,

Chief Marketing Officer of Dreamstake, an online platform for tech start-ups. They also worked on their communication skills with public speaking consultant Emma Zangs, and learnt to code and pitch their business ideas.

Principal of The Bridge Academy, Chris Brown,

said: “The key aim is to give our students the tools to thrive and succeed, both at school and in their future professional lives. The mobile industry and wider technology sector certainly offer them a wealth of exciting options for rewarding and challenging careers.”



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# younghackney



**D**DOUBLE, double, toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble!"

The young members of Hackney Empire's Graduate Theatre Company are brewing up a musical adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', and fundraising to take the show to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The company, called The Way I See Theatre or 'TWIST', was set up by the Empire in order to help gifted young artists from areas like Hackney to break into the performing arts.

Mentored by a professional creative team, including the Empire's artistic director Susie McKenna, 17 under 21-year-olds are currently going through an intensive workshopping and production period, to devise a new piece of musical theatre described as 'Shakespeare meets Channel 4's Empire'.

On 10 May, the company launched a crowdfunding campaign to help them take their production to the world-famous theatre festival in



## Twist & shout

Members of Hackney Empire's Graduate Theatre Company are brewing up a musical adaptation of Macbeth

Scotland. It will cost nearly £600 to support each cast member for each week of the run in August.

Half of their budget has been covered by grants from the Andrew Lloyd

Webber Foundation and Hackney Empire itself. They now need to raise a further £30,000 before 22 June to turn their hard work into a professional reality in Scotland.

### MORE INFO

For more info, and to donate to TWIST, visit: [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/twist-theatre-company-macbeth/](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/twist-theatre-company-macbeth/)

## News in brief



### Youngsters compete in track and field at Mile End Stadium

OVER 350 young people came out on the hottest day of the year so far in order to compete in the Badu Sports Athletics competition.

Held on 5 May, at Mile End Stadium, students from Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets were put into teams with those from other schools in order to compete in field and track events including the shot put, long jump and 400m.

Run by sports coaching and teaching company Badu Sports, the event is designed to broaden children's experiences, advance their opportunities, develop their skills and gain a better understanding of their choices and aspirations. Over the course of a year, all the children across each borough have been supported by Badu's coaches and learnt various athletics techniques. One young competitor commented: "I've had the best day! It has been amazing being in a real stadium and hearing all the cheers when we were competing."

For more info on Badu Sports, visit: [badusports.com](http://badusports.com)



## Remix21 festival showcases some of the capital's best young talent



By **Dila Tumer**

**YOUNG** Londoners from all over the capital filled Rich Mix centre on 10 May to celebrate the last 22 years of creative history, at a festival of live dance, music, spoken word and fashion performances.

Remix21, funded by the

National Lottery, gave young creatives and performers the opportunity to showcase their talent for an audience of over 400.

The event hosts Prodigies of Nature, Simple Jackson and the I Am Next House Band were entertaining throughout the evening.

The event began with a 90s-themed fashion show

exhibiting everything from dungarees to over-sized bomber jackets.

Acts introduced their year of focus from 1994 to 2016, and performed time-specific pieces, recalling their memories of the era.

While rappers such as J Flowz got the crowd going and livened up the atmosphere, many spoken

word artists, poets and singers, including Jae Poet, also took to the stage and wowed the crowd.

Live acts, urban music, chilled vibes and the warm atmosphere made Remix21 a night to remember for all. It reminded the audience of the vast amount of talent among young Londoners – from the East to the West.



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Specialist stop smoking clinics will be available at Hackney mosques during Ramadan

# Stop smoking for Ramadan



**M**USLIM smokers are being encouraged to use the holy month of Ramadan as an opportunity to stop smoking for good.

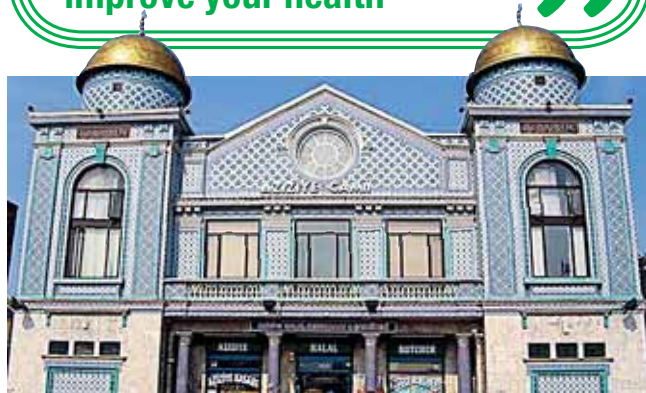
During Ramadan, which begins on 7 June, Muslims must not eat, drink or use any kind of tobacco during daylight hours, providing an ideal time to quit.

There are significant health benefits to be gained from giving up smoking, as well as financial ones, with the average pack of 20 cigarettes now costing almost £10.

Support to quit during Ramadan is available from Hackney's Stop Smoking Service. Advisers are also set to team up with local mosques to provide free, confidential support, information and advice around prayer times.

Abdul Majib, Imam at Markazul-Uloom mosque, said: "The specialist

**“If you smoke, quitting is probably the greatest single step you can take to improve your health”**



Specialist Ramadan clinics are set to run at Aziziye Mosque, N16

Ramadan clinic will offer smokers a supportive and encouraging process to follow to help them become smoke-free before the Holy Month begins and stay comfortable during the fasting period.”

Hackney's specialist stop smoking advisers speak a range of different languages and offer one-to-one

support in locations across the borough. A leaflet has been produced detailing the support available during Ramadan in a number of different languages including Bengali, Turkish and Arabic.

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture, said: "Smoking

remains one of the most important risk factors for disease, disability and mortality in Hackney.

"If you smoke, quitting is probably the greatest single step you can take to improve your health. Ramadan provides an excellent opportunity for smokers to quit for good."

Specialist stop smoking advisers will be available at: Aziziye Mosque (Turkish), 117 Stoke Newington Road, N16 8BU, on Fridays, 10 June to 1 July, from 1-4pm; and Markazul-Uloom (Bangladeshi), 1 Sandringham Road, Dalston, E8 2LR, on Fridays until 27 May, from 1-4pm, and on Thursdays, from 2 June to 30 June, from 1-4pm.

## MORE INFO

Contact Hackney's Stop Smoking Service on: **0800 046 9946** or: **020 3316 1085**; or visit: **www.smokefreehackney.org**

## News in brief

### New mental health support

HACKNEY has been selected to pioneer a scheme that could improve support for those living with mental illness. The borough is one of 16 across the country chosen by the charity Think Ahead to pilot a scheme in which top graduates are recruited as mental health social workers, and receive on-the-job training with the NHS and local authority services.

The programme was launched last year, and immediately became one of the country's most competitive graduate career schemes. It recently announced an additional £10million funding from the Department of Health. Through partnering organisations including the East London NHS Foundation Trust and Hackney Council, Think Ahead participants will work primarily with adults suffering from serious mental health problems such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or personality disorders. For more info, visit: [thinkahead.org/about-the-programme/](http://thinkahead.org/about-the-programme/)



Hackney is set to pioneer a new mental health scheme

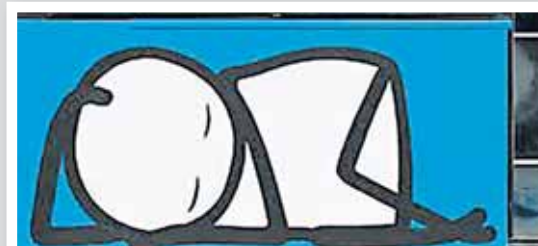
### Stik prints sell for £26,000

FOUR pieces of street art made by a man who once slept rough in Hackney has sold at auction for an impressive £26,000, which will go to Homerton hospital.

The prints are the work of renowned British street artist Stik, who last year raised £50,000 for the hospital through his work 'Sleeping Baby'.

Depicting his characteristic stick-figure lying in a fetal position, it was painted as a mural in the hospital's front entrance and produced as a limited run of prints.

The auction took place at Christie's in South Kensington, on 19 May, and all profits from the sale are set to go directly to the hospital's charitable trust, Hospital Hope. The artist has described the image as representing the vulnerability of the NHS, and it went on to be adopted by junior doctors as a mascot in their industrial strike action. Stik, whose real identity is kept a secret, said: "I am delighted to continue to support my local hospital, which is such an important part of the East London community. Homerton has been there for me and my friends when we needed it. I want to give something back and this is my way of doing it."



Four pieces of street art by Stik were auctioned on 19 May



## The Mayor and councillors

Councillors are elected by Hackney residents and serve for four years. The last borough elections took place in May 2014.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee the Council and

its services. They hold advice surgeries where residents can meet their local representative and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the

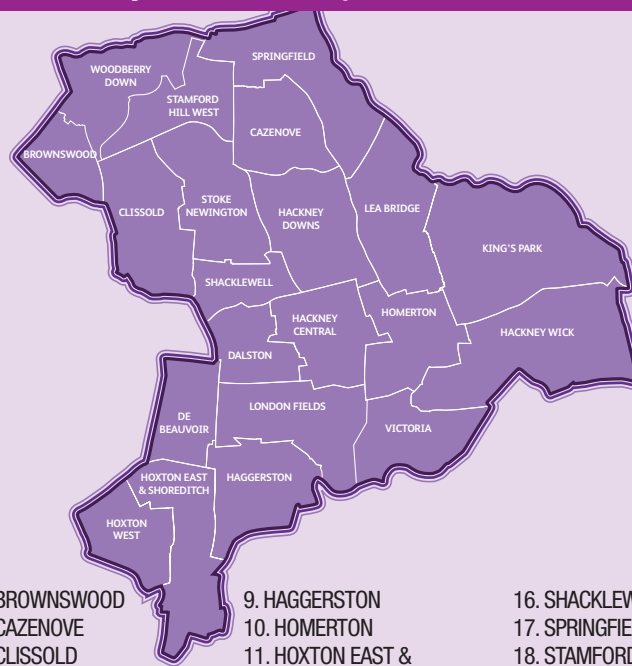
responsibility of another person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see. Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map below.



**MAYOR JULES PIPE**

Hackney has an executive Mayor, Jules Pipe, who is not a councillor, but is directly elected by the entire borough. The Mayor is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney who is elected annually from among the borough's 57 councillors. The current Speaker is Cllr Sade Etti.

## Hackney's wards in alphabetical order



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|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. BROWNWOOD       | 9. HAGERSTON                 | 16. SHACKLEWELL        |
| 2. CAZENOVE        | 10. HOMERTON                 | 17. SPRINGFIELD        |
| 3. CLISSOLD        | 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH | 18. STAMFORD HILL WEST |
| 4. DALSTON         | 12. HOXTON WEST              | 19. STOKE NEWINGTON    |
| 5. DE BEAUVOIR     | 13. KING'S PARK              | 20. VICTORIA           |
| 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL | 14. LEA BRIDGE               | 21. WOODBERRY DOWN     |
| 7. HACKNEY DOWNS   | 15. LONDON FIELDS            |                        |
| 8. HACKNEY WICK    |                              |                        |

### 1. BROWNWOOD



**Cllr Brian Bell**  
1st Thurs each month  
7-8pm, The Kings Crescent Estate Community Centre, Queens Drive, N4 2XD.



**Cllr Clare Potter**  
2nd Sat each month  
10.30-11.30am, Azalea Court Community Hall, Alexandra Mews, N4 2LB.

### 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL



**Cllrs Sophie Linden, Ben Hayhurst & Vincent Stops** (on a rota basis)  
1st Sat each month  
11am-12noon, Room 37a, Hackney Town Hall, E8 1EA.



3rd Sat each month  
11am-12noon, Wilton Estate Community Hall, Greenwood Road, E8 1BE.



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[ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov.uk);  
[vincent.stops@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:vincent.stops@hackney.gov.uk)

### 2. CAZENOVE



**Cllr Dawood Akhoun**  
1st & 3rd Thurs each month  
6.30-7.30pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.



**Cllr Abraham Jacobson**  
2nd Wed each month  
6.30-7.15pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.



**Cllr Ian Sharer**  
1st & 3rd Thurs each month  
10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.

### 7. HACKNEY DOWNS



**Cllrs Michael Desmond, Anna-Joy Rickard & Sem Moema**

**Cllr Desmond**  
1st Sun each month  
11am-12noon, Luncheon Club, 19 Olympus Square, E5.



**Cllrs Rickard & Sem Moema**  
2nd Sun each month  
11am-12noon, Landfield Community Hall, Landfield Estate, Clapton, E5 8QZ.  
Call: 07875 546 155.

4th Sun each month  
Roving surgery.

### 3. CLISSOLD



**Cllrs Sophie Cameron, Ned Hercoc & Sade Etti**

1st Mon each month  
(on a rota basis)  
6.30-7.30pm, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.



3rd weekend each month  
Roving surgery. All cllrs.



Contact these cllrs on: [clissold@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:clissold@hackney.gov.uk); or: 020 8356 3373.

### 8. HACKNEY WICK



**Cllrs Chris Kennedy, Jess Webb & Nick Sharman** (on a rota basis)

1st Sun each month  
12noon-1pm, Wick OAP Hall, Lavington Close, Trowbridge Estate, E9.



Contact Cllr Kennedy on: 07730 883 190.



### 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH



**Cllrs Kam Adams, Feryal Demirci & Tom Ebbutt** (on a rota basis)  
1st Sat each month  
10.30-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.  
3rd Sat each month,  
11am-12noon, roving surgery.



### 14. LEA BRIDGE



**Cllrs Margaret Gordon, Ian Rathbone & Deniz Oguzkanli** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs each month  
6.30-7.30pm, St John Ambulance Hall, Mildenhall Road, E5.  
2nd Sat each month  
1.30-2.30pm, Venetia's Coffee Shop, 55 Chatsworth Road, E5 0LH.  
4th Sat each month  
10-11am, The Community Flat, Jack Watts Estate, 10 Detmold Road, E5.  
Call: 07890 654 068; or e-mail: [ian.rathbone@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.rathbone@tiscali.co.uk)



### 19. STOKE NEWINGTON



**Cllrs Susan Fajana-Thomas, Mete Coban & Patrick Moule** (on a rota basis)  
2nd Sat each month  
11-12noon, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.  
4th Sat each month,  
Roving surgery, 11am-1pm.



### 4. DALSTON



**Cllrs Soraya Adejare & Peter Snell** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs & 3rd Fri each month  
6.30-7.30pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, London, E8 3BQ.



2nd Sat of each month  
3-4pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ.

### 9. HAGERSTON



**Cllrs Barry Buitekant, Jonathan McShane & Ann Munn** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs each month  
6-7pm, Haggerston Community Centre, 8 Lovelace Street, E8 4FF.



3rd Fri each month  
10-11am, Fellows Court Community Centre, Weymouth Terrace, E2 8LR.



3rd Sat each month  
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Rd, E8 4PD.

### 12. HOXTON WEST



**Cllr Philip Glanville**  
3rd Wed each month  
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.



**Cllr Claydon McKenzie**  
2nd Tues each month  
6-7pm, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, 40 Pittfield Street, N1 6EU.



**Cllr Carole Williams**  
3rd Wed each month  
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.

2nd Sun every other month  
Roving surgery.

### 15. LONDON FIELDS



**Cllrs Anntoinette Bramble, M Can Ozsen & Emma Plouviez** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs each month  
6-7pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly Street, E8 3XW.  
3rd Sat each month  
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 30 Brougham Rd, E8.



### 20. VICTORIA



**Cllrs Will Brett, Katie Hanson & Geoff Taylor** (on a rota basis)  
1st Mon each month  
7-8pm, Pitcairn House Community Hall, St Thomas' Square, E9 6PT.



**Cllr Hanson**  
2nd Wed each month  
7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Road, E9 7JE.



**Cllr Taylor**  
3rd Wed each month  
2-3pm, Salvation Army Building, 70 Mare Street, E8 4RT.

### 5. DE BEAUVOIR



**Cllrs Laura Bunt & James Peters** (on a rota basis)  
2nd Sat each month  
11am-12noon, café in the precinct behind the Rose Lipman Building, Trinity Court, De Beauvoir Estate (off Downham Road), N1.



Contact Cllr Peters on: [james.peters@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:james.peters@hackney.gov.uk); or: via members services on: 020 8356 3373.  
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### 10. HOMERTON



**Cllrs Robert Alan Chapman, Guy Nicholson, Sally Mulready**  
1st Fri each month  
Roving surgery with all Homerton cllrs. Contact for further details.  
Cllr Chapman  
Call: 07821 330 532.



**Cllr Nicholson**  
3rd Fri each month  
6.30-7.30pm, Banister House Community Hall, Homerton High Street, E9 6BP.



**Cllr Mulready**  
Call: 07930 575 913.

### 13. KING'S PARK



**Cllrs Sharon Patrick, Tom Rahilly & Rebecca Rennison** (on a rota basis)  
1st Fri each month  
6.30-7.30pm, The Kabin, Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG.  
3rd Sat each month  
11am-12noon, Vi Forrester Hall, Gilpin Road, Clapton, E5 0LH.



### 16. SHACKLEWELL



**Cllrs Michelle Gregory & Richard Lufkin** (on a rota basis)  
1st Fri each month  
6-7pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane, E8 3BQ.



Monthly roving surgeries or meetings by prior arrangement.  
Contact councillors via e-mail: [michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk) & [richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk); or call members services on: 020 8356 3373.

### 21. WOODBERRY DOWN



**Cllrs Jon Burke & Caroline Selman** (on a rota basis)  
1st Sat each month  
10-11am, Joseph Court Community Hall, Amhurst Park, N16 5AJ.  
2nd Sat each month  
10-11am, Woodberry Down Community Organisation office, Unit 2c Rowan Apartments, Seven Sisters Road, N4 1NS.  
3rd Sun each month  
10-11am, Ben Simons Community Hall, Block 1-66, Lincoln Court, Bethune Road, N16.  
4th Thurs each month  
6.30-7.30pm, Amwell Court Community Hall, Portland Rise, N4 2NY.





1. Hackney Downs School, c1910; 2. Bernard Bryant Salmon; 3. 'Changing the Landscape - A Battle of the Somme' visual arts project by Sarah Kogan at the National Archives; 4. Paradise House School, Stoke Newington, at the western end of today's Stoke Newington Church Street from about 1879-1929; 5. Barney Griew, who lived on Amhurst Road; 6. Stoke Newington Library showing the newly erected war memorial in the 1920s



# Tales from the Somme

By Elizabeth Green

**T**HE beginning of July marks the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme, one of the bloodiest in the First World War.

It was fought near the River Somme on the Western Front in France, between July and November 1916. More than a million men were wounded or killed during the campaign with over 57,000 casualties on the first day near Gommecourt.

Thousands of young men from Hackney went to fight in the First World War, and the Archives can reveal a bit more about the lives of some of those who took part.

Barney Griew was 17 when war broke out. He lived in Amhurst Road with seven brothers and sisters. He attended Hackney Downs School, on the site of the present day Mossbourne

Academy. He joined the 5th Battalion, London Regiment (London Rifle Brigade) along with many others from Hackney Downs School. He was recorded as missing at Gommecourt on 1 July 1916, and later reported killed.

Barney wrote over 180 illustrated letters home to Hackney, documenting his training as a mapmaker and scout and his experiences in the 'Yiddish Street' trench. The letters are held by Barney's niece, Gillian Kogan, and are currently the subject of an exhibition at the National Archives entitled 'Changing the Landscape - A Battle of the Somme' visual arts project by Sarah Kogan.

Bernard Bryant Salmon was the younger son of Reverend William Bryant Salmon, Rector of Stoke Newington. He attended the local Paradise House School, but at the age of 14, he became a boarder at Rugby School.

**“That boy of 19 had the heart of a lion. His whole career out here had been one long sacrifice”**

He had won a classical scholarship to Cambridge University in December 1914, but instead of taking this up, he joined up in August 1915 and arrived in France in February 1916. After less than a week he was recommended for decoration and, after another recommendation, was awarded the Military Cross on 26 June 1916.

According to the official record, this was: 'For conspicuous gallantry during a heavy bombardment. Hearing that a mine shaft was blown in, he at once organised and led a rescue party and, though heavy shells were falling round and he was once himself partially buried, he was personally responsible for the rescue

of a corporal and a private.'

Salmon went on to take part in the Battle of the Somme and was killed in Trones Wood, while attempting to dig out two of his men. He died on 9 July 1916, at the age of 19.

On hearing of his death a fellow officer commented: "Young Salmon was killed in attempting to save some men who had been buried. The men in the trench wept when he was hit, and no wonder, for the like of Bernard Salmon is not born every day."

"That boy of 19 had the heart of a lion. His whole career out here had been one long sacrifice, and he went into his last action with the same calm courage, though he had confided in me beforehand that he felt it

was going to be his last."

Second Lieutenant Bernard Bryant Salmon is commemorated on the Stoke Newington War Memorial in Stoke Newington library, on the Thiepval memorial in France, and on St Mary's Church War Memorial.

Another old boy of Paradise House School, 2nd Lieutenant R F Broadbridge, survived the battle and his account of the action was published in the school magazine of July 1916:

"My first experience of the trenches was midday when I was warned not to look over 'the top'. Needless to say I disobeyed orders in the space of half-an-hour, but I did not do it again."

"The main point of my visit was the attack on 1st July. We were sent to the trenches at 7 o'clock the previous evening, where we remained during the seventh night of the bombardment ... At last, when the much dreaded 7.30 arrived, various mines were

exploded and we went over. Of course we had many casualties ... We cleared the front line trench, and I took six prisoners and a machine-gun. But then I got knocked over. After going through numerous dressing stations, clearing stations and hospitals, I at last found myself in England with a German automatic pistol and a pair of wire-cutters as souvenirs."

These are just some of the stories of the thousands of local men who went to fight in the war, which have been preserved in Hackney Archives.

## MORE INFO

 Hackney Archives looks after Council administrative records and archives dating back to 1700. It also keeps records for individuals and organisations with links to Hackney. Call: 020 8356 8925; e-mail: [archives@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hackney.gov.uk); or visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/archives)



## A healthy eating programme from Shoreditch Trust

[www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk](http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk)



SHOREDITCH Trust's 'Food for Life' programme works with the community to encourage affordable healthy eating, cooking skills and food knowledge. Why not try making this restaurant favourite at home? This curry is a wonderful example of a super quick, healthy and affordable one-pot dish. To know your fish is fresh it should not smell strong, the eyes should be shiny and clear, the gills should be bright red, the flesh should be shiny and firm and the fish should not feel slimy or dry to touch. Look out for the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) logo in your local supermarket to ensure you're buying sustainable, wild-caught seafood.

## Indian fish curry

Serves 4

Preparation time  
20 mins

Cooking time  
20 mins

### Ingredients

- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced
- 8 curry leaves
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- ¾ tsp mustard seeds
- 6 tomatoes, diced
- 1 x 2.5cm piece of ginger, finely chopped
- 1 green chilli, finely chopped
- ½ tin coconut milk
- 1 tbsp olive oil or ghee
- 1 tbsp chilli powder
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp tamarind paste
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 400g white fish fillets, cut into 2cm chunks (pollock and coley recommended)
- 1 handful of coriander, chopped

- Brown basmati rice or naan bread, to serve.

### Method

- In a large pan, fry the onions with 1 tablespoon of ghee or olive oil for 5 minutes until tender and translucent. Add the garlic, ginger, fresh chilli, cumin seeds, mustard seeds and curry leaves and cook for another 5 minutes until the mustard seeds begin to pop in the oil
- Add in the chilli powder and turmeric and fry for 1 min. Add the chopped tomatoes and cook for a few minutes until the tomatoes are soft and the oil floats to the top of the mix. Add the coconut milk, tamarind paste and lemon juice and cook for another 5 minutes until the mixture starts to thicken. Give the curry mix a taste and adjust spice levels and sourness to your taste
- Once happy with the mix, stir in the fish and cook for a few minutes until the fish is no longer translucent. Sprinkle with the chopped coriander. Serve with brown basmati rice or naan and enjoy.

### More info

To find out more about Shoreditch Trust's Food For Life programme, call: 020 7033 8529; e-mail: [food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk](mailto:food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk); or visit: [www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life](http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life)



## Have your say on the future of services that support the most vulnerable

THE Council is currently consulting on advocacy services, which help the most vulnerable in society to have their voice heard, and supported living services, which help people to live independently.

Hackney would like to know what service users, key stakeholders and residents think about supported living and advocacy services and involve them in the planning of future services.

Public meetings will take place at the Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road, E8 3ND, on 13 June, from 11am-1pm for advocacy services; and from 2-4pm for supported

living services. There will also be two drop-in sessions at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, E8 1DY, on 25 May from 2-4pm, and on 2 June from 2-4pm.

Both consultations will end on 24 June. Have your say online by visiting: [www.hackney.gov.uk/commissioning-procurement-asc](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/commissioning-procurement-asc); or request a paper or easy read copy of the consultation by calling: 020 8356 7522; or: 020 8356 4016.

### London Fields gym consultation

THE Council is proposing to create a new gym area in the southern zone of London Fields (see map for location) to replace outdated apparatus.

The proposed new equipment would include static apparatus

such as pull-up and parallel bars.

Have your say on the proposals by dropping into the Broadway Market entrance of London Fields on 3 June, from 8.30am-2pm, and 4 June, from 11am-4pm. Alternatively, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/london-fields](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/london-fields)



### Meetings

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS IN MAY

25 Council AGM 7pm

#### IN JUNE

9 Audit sub committee 6.30pm  
9 Living in Hackney scrutiny commission 7pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/council-democracy.htm](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/council-democracy.htm)

#### TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

##### IN MAY

24 Jack Dunning Estate TRA 7pm  
25 Landfield Estate TRA 7pm  
26 Lincoln Court TRA 2pm  
26 Nightingale Partnership Residents Assoc 7pm  
26 York Row Estate TRA 7pm

##### IN JUNE

1 Rhodes Estate TRA 7pm  
1 St John's Estate TRA 7pm  
2 Priestly Close TRA 7pm  
6 Wilton Estate TRA 7pm  
7 Milton Gardens TRA 7.15pm  
7 Cressington Close TRA 7pm

TO CHECK TIMES & VENUES, CALL THE RESIDENT PARTICIPATION TEAM ON: 020 8356 7845

## Sudoku

For solutions see:  
[www.hackney.gov.uk/hackney-today](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/hackney-today)

### Easy

		1		5			3
	3		1	7		2	
	2						
2		5			8		6
8		6	9		7	1	5
7			5			4	9
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		8		2	3		4
9				4		8	

### Medium

		7	1			5	
8	1	4		9		7	
6					8	1	
2			9				
	3		2		4		6
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		8	6				5
		3		5		6	1
		5			7	9	



LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY							
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1) AND 16A: PROPOSED AND MADE NOTICES							
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1) AND 16A: NOTICES OF PROPOSED AND MADE ORDERS							
WE, THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY, GIVE NOTICE THAT WE INTEND TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDERS IN THE FIRST PART OF THE TABLE BELOW, AND HAVE MADE THE ORDERS IN THE SECOND PART OF THE TABLE, IN EACH CASE FOR THE REASONS AND DURATION DATES STATED AND WITH ALTERNATIVE DIVERSION ROUTES AVAILABLE							
ANDY CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF STREETSCENE, 23 MAY 2016							
PROPOSED RESTRICTION (PROPOSED NOTICE)							
REF NO.	ROAD NAME	RESTRICTION	REASON	LOCATION	DIVERSION ROUTE	WORK START DATE	WORK END DATE
P2070	Ada Street E8	Road Closure	UKPN Works	Between points 20 metres and 38 metres south east of its junction with Broadway Market	Via local signage	06-Jun-16	10-Jun-16
P2037-1	Anning Street EC2A	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Thames Water Works	From its junction with Batman's Row to its junction with New Inn Yard	Via local signage	14-Jun-16	16-Jun-16
P2067	Boleyn Road N16	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Kingsland High Street in a north westerly direction for a distance of 130 metres	Via local signage	17-Jun-16	19-Jun-16
P2075-1	Brooksby's Walk E9	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Barnabas Terrace to its junction with Clifden Road	Via local signage	13-Jun-16	09-Sep-16
P2075-2	Chatsworth Road E5	Road Closure	Traffic Management Work	From its junction with Clifden Road to its junction with Elderfield Road	Via local signage	13-Jun-16	09-Sep-16
P2036	Darnley Road E9	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Sewer Cover Replacement Work	From its junction with Mare Street to its junction with Frampton Park Road	Via local signage	12-Jun-16	12-Jun-16
P2075-3	Dunlace Road E5	Road & Footway Closure & Introduction of Two way	Traffic Management Work	(1). From its junction with Chatsworth Road in a South westerly and north easterly direction for a distance of 20 metres (2). From its junction with Elderfield Road to its junction with Glyn Road	Via local signage	13-Jun-16	09-Sep-16
P2075-4	Glenarm Road E5	Road & Footway Closure & Introduction of Two way	Traffic Management Work	(1). From its junction with Chatsworth Road in a South westerly and north easterly direction for a distance of 20 metres (2). From its junction with Elderfield Road to its junction with Chatsworth Road	Via local signage	13-Jun-16	09-Sep-16
P2051	King John Court EC2A	Road Closure	Carriageway Resurfacing Works	From its junction with Holywell Lane to its junction with New Inn Yard	Via local signage	20-Jun-16	19-Jul-16
P2067-1	Kingsland Green N16	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Boleyn Road in a South easterly direction for a distance of 28 metres	Via local signage	17-Jun-16	19-Jun-16
P2057	Leonard Street EC2A	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Thames Water Works	(1). From its junction with Paul Street in a Westerly direction for a distance of 20 metres (2). From its junction with Tabernackle Street to a point 20 metres west of its junction with Paul Street	Via local signage	06-Jun-16	07-Jun-16
P2063	Long Street E2	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Waterson Street in a north westerly direction for a distance of 46 metres	Via local signage	11-Jun-16	12-Jun-16
P2064	Martello Street E8	Road & Footway closure	Railway Bridge Examination Work	From its junction with Richmond Road to its junction with Ellingfort Road	Via local signage	06-Jun-16	30-Jun-16
P2037	New Inn Yard EC2A	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Thames Water Works	(1). From its junction with King John Court in a north easterly direction for a distance of 15 metres (2). From its junction with Anning Street to a point 15 metres north east of its junction with King John Court	Via local signage	14-Jun-16	16-Jun-16
P2074	Richmond Road E8	Road Closure	Railway Bridge Repairing Works	From a point in line with the property boundary no 268 & 270 to a point in line with the property boundary (West side) no 278	Via local signage	11-Jun-16	10-Jul-16
P2063-1	Waterson Street E2	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Hackney Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of 80 metres	Via local signage	11-Jun-16	12-Jun-16
CONFIRMED RESTRICTION (MADE NOTICE)							
P2068	Beck Road E8	Road Closure	Construction of Raised Table	From its junction with Mare Street in a south westerly direction for a distance of 20 metres	Via local signage	23-May-16	06-Jun-16
P2060	Charlotte Road EC2A	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Crane Operation	From its junction with Great Eastern Street to its junction with Rivington Street	Via local signage	23-May-16	30-Sep-16
P2062	Charlotte Road EC2A	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Virgin Media Works	From its junction with Great Eastern Street to its junction with Rivington Street	Via local signage	23-May-16	26-May-16
P2069-1	Cropley Street N1	Road Closure	Installation of Junction Table	From its junction with Eagle Wharf Road in a south easterly direction for a distance of 15 metres	Via local signage	23-May-16	23-Nov-16
P2055	Downs Park Road E5	Road & Footway closure	Junctions Improvements Works	From its junction with Pembury Road in a south westerly direction for a distance of 44 metres	Via local signage	31-May-16	03-Jun-16
P2069	Eagle Wharf Road N1	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Installation of Junction Table	(1). From its junction with Cropley Street in a South westerly and north easterly direction for a distance of 18 metres (2). From its junction with New North Road to its junction with Bracklyn Street	Via local signage	23-May-16	23-Nov-16
P2053	Glebe Road E8	Road Closure and Waiting Restriction	UKPN Works	Both sides, From its junction with Middleton Road to a point in line with the property boundaries of 376/378 Kingsland Road	Via local signage	24-May-16	27-May-16
P2048	Gunton Road E5	Waiting & Loading Restriction	Gas Works	Both sides, From a point in line with the property boundary no 13 & 15 to property boundary no 23 & 25	Not Required	06-Jun-16	10-Jun-16
P2061	Hillman Street E8	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	New Electric Supply	From its junction with Wilton Way to its junction with Reading Lane	Via local signage	30-May-16	04-Jun-16
P2066	Paul Street EC2A	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Cable Installation Works	(1). From its junction with Worship street to a point in line with the property boundaries of 11/21 & 23/33 (2). From its junction with Worship Street to its junction with Scrutton Street	Via local signage	04-Jun-16	10-Jun-16
P2042	Reading Lane E8	Road Closure	Crane Operation	From its junction with Eleanor Road to a point line with the emergency barrier gate	Via local signage	23-May-16	03-Jun-16
YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION AND MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROPOSED AND MADE ORDERS BY CONTACTING THE HELPLINE ON 020 8356 2897							





## TRAFFIC

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

## THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY (CURTAIN ROAD) STOPPING UP ORDER 20\*\* TT1074

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney ("the Council") proposes to make the above mentioned Order under section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to stop up the highway described in the Schedule 1 hereto.
2. The title of the Order is The London Borough of Hackney (Curtain Road – outside number 20-22) Stopping Up Order 20\*\*.
3. A copy of the Order and the accompanying plan showing the lengths and areas of highways to be stopped up can be viewed by request only between the hours of 9am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive in the reception area of London Borough of Hackney, Hackney Service Centre 1 Hillman Street, E8 1DY. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Helpdesk on 020 8356 8991.
4. Any person may within 28 days from the date of first publication of this Notice object to the proposals of the Order by notice in writing to the Corporate Director Health and Community Services at the address shown in paragraph 3 above. Objections should state the name and address of the objector, the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. If no representations or objections in respect of the Order are duly made within the said period, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Order may be confirmed by the Council as an unopposed Order.

Dated this \*\*th day of \*\*\*\* 20\*\*.

Kim Wright

Corporate Director (Health and Community Services)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

## SCHEDULE 1

## Areas of Public Highway to be Stopped Up

In relation to the development at 20-22 Curtain Road, London, EC2A 3NF;

Curtain Road – outside numbers 20-22 approximately 1.2m in width and 15m in length.

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

## ROAD HUMPS - HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 90C TT1151

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the London Borough of Hackney, in accordance with the Section 90C of the Highway Act 1980 as amended proposes to introduce raised entry treatments, as detailed in the schedule 1 of this notice.
2. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street E8 1DY. Further information may be obtained by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 8991.
3. Any objections or other representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Streetscene at the address specified in paragraph 2 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

## SCHEDULE 1

## RAISED TABLE: SCHEDULE

Note: The carriageway will be raised to install a raised junction table. The maximum height of the table will be 100mm.

Cropley Street	Install a raised table at the junction with Eagle Wharf Road for a maximum distance of 7.5m southwards and from a point 4.3m east of the junction in a westerly direction for an overall length of 18.5m.
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## LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

## ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT SECTION 23

## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (CHAPMAN ROAD) TT1150

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the London Borough of Hackney, in accordance with section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and all other enabling powers

proposes to extend existing zig zag markings for the pedestrian crossing in Chapman Road as detailed in schedule 1 attached to this notice.

2. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY. Further information may be obtained by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 8991.
3. Any objections or other representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Streetscene at the address specified in paragraph 2 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

## SCHEDULE 1

Chapman Road	Extend existing zig zag markings on the eastern kerb line by approximately 12.86m.
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## LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

## THE HACKNEY (PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO. \*) ORDER 201\* TT1153

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders will be to;
  - a) Convert the operational hours of the resident permit bays, permit bays throughout Zone F Variation including Weymouth Terrace, Dunloe Street, Dawson Street, Scawfell Street, Queensbridge Road and Yorkton Street from 7.30am-midnight to Zone F Monday –Friday 7.30am-6.30pm and Sat 7.30am-1.30pm
3. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, E8 1DY. Further information may be obtained at [www.hackneytraffweb.co.uk](http://www.hackneytraffweb.co.uk), or by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 8991.

4. Any objections or other representations about either of the Orders should be sent in writing to the Head of Streetscene at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

Unless otherwise stated all traffic notices are as follows: Dated 23 May 2016

Andy Cunningham, Head of Streetscene, (The officer appointed for this purpose)



## PLANNING

## LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY NOTICE UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND RELATED ORDERS

**293-295 Old Street London EC1V 9LA** Removal of Condition 17 (non-CHP Space and hot water fossil fuel) of planning permission 2015/2717 granted 2015/2717. 2016/1424 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**293-295 Old Street London EC1V 9LA** Variation of Condition 10(a) Air Permeability of planning permission 2015/2717 granted 23/02/2016 to amend the air permeability requirements. 2016/1425 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**293-295 Old Street London EC1V 9LA** Variation of Condition 11 (BREEAM) of planning permission 2015/2717 granted 23/02/2016 to allow BREEAM 'Very Good' in place of BREEAM 'Excellent'. 2016/1433 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**7-10 Batemans Row LONDON EC2A 3HH** Redevelopment of existing building behind retained facade to provide office space at ground and first floor levels; Erection of three-storey extension at second third and fourth floor levels to provide six self-contained residential units including provision of roof terrace; external alterations including provision of new entrance

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

**Notice of Application For Planning Permission (accompanied by an Environmental Statement) Under Articles 13, 15 and 16 Of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Planning (Listed Buildings And Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 (as amended).**

**Date of notice: 23 May 2016**

In accordance with the above act and related legislation, notice is hereby given that the application forms, plans, the environmental statement and other documents submitted in relation to the proposal noted below may be examined at the London Legacy Development Corporation reception Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfitchet Road, London E20 1EJ. The reception is open from 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday by appointment only telephone number **020 3288 8820**. The above documents are also available to download from the Planning Register on the Planning Policy and Decisions Team website <http://planningregister.londonlegacy.co.uk>. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from

**London Legacy Development Corporation, Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ, or [info@londonlegacy.co.uk](mailto:info@londonlegacy.co.uk). Copies of the Non-Technical Summary are available free of charge. Hard copies of the ES are priced at; £100 (Volume 1, ES Chapters) and £100 (Volume 2, ES Appendices). CD copies of the ES (all volumes) are priced at £10.**

**Anyone who wishes to make comments about the application should write to the address below quoting the relevant Application Reference Number:** Director of Planning Policy and Decisions Team, London Legacy Development Corporation, Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfitchet Road, London E20 1EJ. Alternatively comments can be made by email to: [planningenquiries@londonlegacy.co.uk](mailto:planningenquiries@londonlegacy.co.uk). Comments should be submitted within 21 days of the date of this

notice and should be received by **12th-June-2016. Application Reference No:** 16/00166/OUT Application Site: Site known as 'Hackney Wick Central' comprising land to the north and south of (although excluding) Hackney Wick Overground Station; bounded to the east by the Lee Navigation, to the south by Rothbury Road, to the west by Hepscott Road, Wallis Road and Berkshire Road and to the north by Leabank Square (site allocation SA1.1 Legacy Corporation Local Plan). **Description of Proposal:** Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) as set out in the Development Specification for the demolition of 28,281m<sup>2</sup> of existing buildings on site and development of a phased comprehensive mixed use development (Phases 1, 2 and 3) of up to 119,242m<sup>2</sup> floorspace. Residential (Use Class C3) of up to 78,931m<sup>2</sup>; Employment (Use Classes B1a and B1c) of a minimum

of 29,908m<sup>2</sup>; Retail (Use Classes A1-A4) of up to 4,493m<sup>2</sup>; and Community Facilities (Use Class D1/D2) for a minimum of 381m<sup>2</sup> and up to 2,318m<sup>2</sup>; with up to 3,593m<sup>2</sup> of on plot undercroft or basement car parking, together with a minimum of 23,359m<sup>2</sup> public realm, playspace, open space and associated vehicle access. This planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement. **Applicant's name:** LLDC and LB Hackney **Dated:** 23rd-May-2016; **Authorised by:** Anthony Hollingsworth **On Behalf of:** London Legacy Development Corporation, Planning Policy and Decisions Team.

**LEGACY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**



door at ground floor level. [Note for consultation: proposed mix is 2 x 1-bed, 3 x 2-bed and 1 x 3-bed] 2016/1352 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Citfin House 73 Great Eastern Street Shoreditch LONDON EC2A 3HR** Demolition of existing mansard roof and erection of a two-storey extension to create office floorspace (B1a). Refurbishment of existing office building (B1) and change of use of part-ground floor and part-basement to a restaurant A3 use. Extension of existing basement. Alterations to the existing facade. 2016/1578 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**111 Great Eastern Street Hackney LONDON EC2A 3JD** Installation of an illuminated temporary advertising banner upon scaffold 2016/1458 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 14, 9 Queensbridge Terrace Queensbridge Road London E2 8NP** Listed Building Consent: Replacement windows to front elevation at first floor level. [Planning application 2016/0657 also received] 2016/1629 Conservation Area Consent

**Flat 14, 9 Queensbridge Terrace Queensbridge Road London E2 8NP** Replacement windows to front elevation at first floor level. [Listed Building Consent application 2016/1629 also received] 2016/0657 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**131-133 Lower Clapton Road, London E5 0NP** Erection of part two-storey, part three-storey, part four-storey building (with basement level below) providing nine residential units (two 3-bed, four 2-bed, one 1-bed and two 1-person studio units); associated refuse and cycle storage; associated balconies; associated green roofs and photovoltaics 2016/1349 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**Flat 1, 4 Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW** Remodelling of rear elevation to provide a part two, part two and a half -storey rear extension at basement and ground floor levels with external staircase to garden; demolition of two existing rear extensions; alterations to rear fenestration; repair of roof; landscaping and subdivision of garden; internal alterations to facilitate the reconfiguration from five residential units to four residential units. (Listed Building Consent) For the purposes of consultation only: The proposed housing mix is 1 x 1-bed, 2 x 2-bed and 1 x 3-bed. 2016/1228 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**Flat 1, 4 (No.45) Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW** Remodelling of rear elevation to provide a part two, part two and a half -storey rear extension at basement and ground floor levels with external staircase to garden; demolition of two existing rear extensions; alterations to rear fenestration; repair of roof; landscaping and subdivision of garden; internal alterations to facilitate the reconfiguration from five residential units to four residential units. [See also Listed Building Consent application 2016/1228] For the purposes of consultation only: The proposed housing mix is 1 x 1-bed, 2 x 2-bed and 1 x 3-bed. 2016/1195 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**Lea View House Blocks A - C, Jessam Avenue London E5 9DF** Replacement of all existing windows and doors. 2016/1297 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Lea View House Blocks A - C, Jessam Avenue London E5 9DF** Replacement of all existing windows and doors. 2016/1297 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Unity House 96 Dalston Lane London E8 1NG** Conversion of 5-bed residential flat at lower ground and ground floor levels to two residential flats (3-bed flat at lower ground floor and 1-person studio flat at ground floor) associated external alterations (windows); installation of new metal security gate to front; installation of secure cycle storage areas and refuse storage 2016/1658 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**16 Albion Drive LONDON E8 4ET** Erection of single storey lower ground floor rear extension; replacement of front door; installation of rooflight to rear roof slope and external alterations; 2016/1094 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**26 Horton Road LONDON E8 1DP** Erection of a metal balustrade and enlargement of existing first floor window opening to facilitate the use of an existing rear extension roof as a terrace 2016/1486 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**301 Mare Street LONDON E8 1EJ** Retention of ATM machine 2016/1519 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat B, 50 Independent Place London E8 2HE** Add 3 skylights to east facing roof. Alter the size of the existing north facing roof skylight Alter the size of the north facing windows to match other windows in the development. 2016/1313 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**7 Sanctuary Mews 362 Queensbridge Road LONDON E8 3BD** Erection of single storey rear extension and two-storey side extension with replacement fence to the front boundary. 2016/1636 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 32 2 Lansdowne Drive Hackney LONDON E8 3EZ** Internal alterations including provision of habitable loft, enlargement of mezzanine level and creation /replacement of internal staircase.

External alterations to include the provision of five rooflights at main roof level as associated works. 2016/1398 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area Affects Setting of a Listed Building

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**88 Lenthall Road LONDON E8 3JN** Single storey rear extension between first and second floor levels and internal alterations at second floor level 2016/1439 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**65 Mapledene Road Hackney London E8 3JW** Extension to lower and upper ground floor rear, demolition of conservatory and demolition single storey flat roofed annex at rear; new railings to front boundary reinstatement of stucco pilaster capital to front facade; refurbishment of external building including windows and doors. Removal of rear tree. 2016/0225 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**400 Kingsland Road London E8 4AA** Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use from Class A1 to Class C3 (Dwellinghouse). 2016/0245 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Lyttleton House Well Street London E9 7NN** Demolition of existing buildings and structures and erection of a part 4 and part 5 storey building to creast 25 self-contained dwellings (11 x 1 bed, 8 x 2 bed and 6 x 3 bed); refuse and recycling facilities; cycle storage; landscaping and external works along Woolridge Way and Cambridge Passage including the reconfiguration of car-parking. 2016/1348 Major Development

**11 Morning Lane Hackney London E9 6ND** Change of use from retail shop (Use Class A1) to drinking establishment (Use Class A4). [For the purposes of consultation: Proposed opening hours 0700 to 0000 Monday to Saturday; 0800 to 2230 Sundays and Bank Holidays. 2016/1270 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**11 Meynell Road LONDON E9 7AP** Change of use of vacant property to shared temporary housing accommodation (sui generis) and installation of a gate to the existing garden wall 2016/1312 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**51 Ufton Road LONDON N1 4HE** Demolition and rebuilding of wall boundary wall and insertion of new rear gate. 2016/1606 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**86 Mortimer Road LONDON N1 4LH** Erection of a double storey side extension, following the demolition of the existing side garage and external alterations including removal of trees and hedges along the shared boundary. 2016/1499 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**82A Mortimer Road LONDON N1 4LH** Demolition of existing garage and erection of a part-1, part-2 storey plus lower ground floor building to provide 1 x 2 bedroom self-contained dwelling. 2016/1291 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**25 Downham Road London N1 5AA** Variation of condition 1 attached to planning permission 2014/1920 dated 04/03/2016 to allow for the following changes: (1) amendment to the northern building line at ground floor level; (2) amendment to the southern building line and reorientation of commercial windows at ground to third floor level; (3) reconfiguration of internal lightwell; (4) introduction of a terrace at fifth floor level; (5) reconfiguration of roof arrangement and introduction of additional PV panels and green roof space; (6) change to front elevation at ground floor level and window arrangements on upper floors; (7) change to external treatment of fourth, fifth and sixth floor level from brick to zinc cladding; (8) internal alterations comprising: reconfiguration of all residential units, relocation of refuse and recycling store 2016/1507 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 153-177 Geffrye Court Geffrye Estate London N1 6RT** Erection of walls, fences and bollards in association with the provision of refuse and recycling stores. 2016/1556 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**176 Culford Road London N1 4DS** Alteration of doors and windows of the front and rear elevation of the property including conversion of garage into reception room and other internal alterations. 2016/1721 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 114-125, Stanway Court, Geffrye Estate, Hackney, London, N1 6RT** Erection of walls, fences and bollards in association with the provision of refuse and recycling stores. 2016/1559 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 45-88 Stanway Court Geffrye Estate London N1 6RX** Erection of walls, fences and bollards in association with the provision of refuse and recycling stores. 2016/1548 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 114-125, Stanway Court, Geffrye Estate, Hackney, London, N1 6RT** Erection of walls, fences and bollards in association with the provision of refuse and recycling stores. 2016/1559 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 1-44 Stanway Court Geffrye Estate Hackney N1 6RY** Erection of walls, fences and bollards in association with the

provision of refuse and recycling stores. 2016/1561 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**42 Queen Elizabeth's Walk London N16 0HH** Erection of single storey rear extensions at ground floor level to wraparound the existing outrigger, conversion of garage, removal of two storey bay window to rear, removal of chimney.2016/1115 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**5 Ayrsome Road Hackney LONDON N16 0RH** Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation. 2016/1407 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**5 Ayrsome Road London N16 0RH** Erection of a dormer on the rear roof slope of the main building and side roof slope of the outrigger; insertion of two skylights on front roof slope. 2016/1406 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**70 Brooke Road London N16 7RU** Removal of Condition 2 (samples) and Variation of Condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission dated 30 September 2013 for the demolition of the existing garage building and erection of a single storey (plus basement) building to provide 1 x 3 bedroom house; namely, to alter the aesthetic appearance of the dwelling and to submit samples of the materials proposed. 2016/1497 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**31 Jenner Road LONDON N16 7SB** Erection of a part one and part two storey rear extension. 2016/1326 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**283 Stoke Newington Church Street LONDON N16 9JH** Erection of single storey rear/side extension at ground floor

level. 2016/1435 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**51 Stoke Newington Church Street London N16 0AR** The erection of two storey rear extension at ground and first floor levels and a single storey rear conservatory at ground floor level, following demolition of existing, to provide additional retail (A2) space and residential accommodation (C3); alteration of existing shop front; creation of balcony at first floor level to the rear elevation; erection of additional storey at roof level associated with the conversion of existing residential flat to create one studio flat and one bedroom flat. 2016/1272 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**The Three Crowns PH 175 Stoke Newington High Street Hackney LONDON N16 0LH** Installation of a temporary decorative scaffold shrouds for a 12month period including external illumination 2016/1423 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**81 Brooke Road LONDON N16 7RD** Erection of dormer on rear roof slope and installation of two skylights on front roof slope. 2016/1467 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

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## Council resident survey to launch



All Council tenants, leaseholders and freeholders will receive the satisfaction survey, the first in six years, from early June

**T**he Council has launched its first resident satisfaction survey in six years for all its tenants, leaseholders and freeholders.

The wide-ranging questionnaire will allow residents to share with the Council how they feel about

the various services they receive and will show how residents can get involved in future consultations. The results will tell the Council what residents think it is doing well and, equally, where the Council needs to make changes so the housing service can be the best it can be.

Surveys will be posted to all Council tenants, leaseholders and freeholders from early June, so residents are being asked to look out for it. People can also take part online by using the link and a unique ID number on their survey papers. Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said:

"Now that housing services are again being managed by the Council, this is a chance for all of our tenants, leaseholders and freeholders to tell us how they feel about the services they receive from us. "They will be playing a crucial role in shaping the future of the housing service, ensuring

we know where to focus our energies on making the improvements that matter most to them." The results will be gathered and analysed by an independent research company and published later this year. The report will help the Council focus on where improvement is most needed.

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# Working for better homes



The Council is committed to innovative ways of providing new homes out of existing disused spaces for Hackney residents



Cllr Glanville and Jennifer Oyibo outside her new flat

**A Hackney mum who lived in a studio flat with her two-year-old daughter is starting a new life in a two-bed flat that the Council transformed from a disused office space.**

Jennifer Oyibo and her daughter recently moved from their Clapton property, where Jennifer had lived for four years, into the Council-funded conversion of Sylvester House in Hackney Central.

The former office, in Wilton Way, had stood empty for more than 10 years, before the Council refurbishment, which also includes a communal shed for all residents to use as part of the large, shared garden in the 43-flat block.

Jennifer, 28, said: "I don't know how my daughter would have coped in the studio flat now she's walking, it's so nice to have the space for her to run around."

The conversion was funded from right-to-buy sales and the housing needs capital budget.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "Jennifer's daughter now has a room of her own and space to grow and develop, as well as some outside space for her to play in."

"Projects like this show that the Council is committed to innovative ways of providing new homes out of existing disused spaces for Hackney residents."

## Welcome to the first edition of your new-look Hackney housing news – 'Our Homes' – for Council tenants, leaseholders and freeholders.

Here you will learn about what's new in housing in the borough; what some of our inspiring residents and staff are doing to improve the communities they live in or serve; some of the Council's plans for the future of the housing service since we resumed management from Hackney Homes in April, and more.

Our Homes replaces the quarterly Hackney Homes newsletter that many of you will have last received in March. This is going to be a more frequent (bi-monthly) publication, and you will next see it inside Hackney Today, as a pull-out-and-keep insert from July onwards. We hope you enjoy the first edition. We welcome your input and feedback, your good

news housing or estates stories, and events. While we will do our best to include all your stories, we cannot guarantee publication.

**Cllr Philip Glanville,  
Cabinet Member for Housing**



To contribute to a future edition, email: [jane.ball@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:jane.ball@hackney.gov.uk); or call: 020 8356 8338.



**Two new award-winning bicycle hangars have been installed in a Haggerston estate, seeing a tenfold increase in cycle and motorbike parking for residents.**

The hangars, together with lockers, racks and wall anchors make up some of the 110 new spaces created in Fellows Court estate to give residents a safer and more secure alternative to locking bikes to railings and stairwells, and which had been deemed a fire hazard.

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, said: "The new parking has been well-received by residents. It is being used to full capacity, so we are looking at possibly fitting some more as soon as funding is available."



If you would like to request cycle parking, go to: [hackney.gov.uk/cycle-safety-and-security](http://hackney.gov.uk/cycle-safety-and-security)

**Children living in housing associations can take part in free art, music, storytelling, dancing and craft classes, when a creative workshop tours three Hackney libraries this summer**

Artburst Minis is back with its new programme, 'Home Sweet Home', for youngsters aged two to five years old, between May and July, in Clapton, Stamford Hill and Hackney Central libraries.

The sessions are designed to improve children's confidence and skills in preparation for nursery or primary school. The workshops, which run in five-week blocks in the mornings and afternoons, are supported by the Council, Hackney Learning Trust, Family Mosaic, Sanctuary Housing and Hackney Marsh Partnership.

Booking is essential, email: [info@artburst.co.uk](mailto:info@artburst.co.uk); or call: 07435 788 190. More info: [www.artburst.co.uk](http://www.artburst.co.uk)







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## Grow your own

**I**magine waking up, sauntering down to your own large vegetable patch, digging up some fresh greens, and serving them that evening for dinner.

Fabiana works her plot in the Webb Estate community growing area

**No, it's not some romanticised scene from 'The Good Life' but the rustic reality for residents on Webb Estate in Clapton, who transformed an unused, overgrown piece of land, into a fully-functioning allotment that is providing healthy home-grown fare for dozens of local families.**

Public plots and gardens are famously oversubscribed across London, with some waiting lists running into decades, but the 'grow your own' revolution, which has been sweeping Hackney for around the last five years, has been changing all that.

In estates and blocks up and down the borough, green-fingered residents are not only digging, planting, tending and harvesting their way into a healthier lifestyle, but are reclaiming underused green spaces to change the look and feel of the outside of their homes for the better.

The work also serves to bring neighbours together. "The community definitely feels very proud," explained Fabiana De Iazzer, of the Webb Estate Community Growing Project, and the estate's Tenant Resident Association (TRA) chair. Adding: "There has been a great sense of achievement."

The project was put forward at a TRA meeting and was supported by the Council, which helped identify a suitable space and linked up residents with environmental regeneration charity, Groundwork.

Ruth Arnott, from Groundwork, and the project's head gardener, said: "We designed and built the main garden infrastructure and led gardening sessions – generally two hours on Saturday afternoons – teaching residents how to grow, work on projects like making bee hotels, or compost bins or wildflower beds."

However, it was a project not without its difficulties, or detractors.

"Initially, there was slight opposition from a few residents, but once started, people saw the benefits of growing your own veg, and hence spending less on shopping and encouraging healthy eating," said Fabiana.

She added: "The main difficulty in urban growing is finding a suitable space, with enough sunlight and healthy soil, and an area that's large enough."

The physicality of the project also proved challenging, with much of the hard slog of clearing branches, weeding and filling beds with soil having to be undertaken during the cold winter months before planting in the spring.

Ruth said: "Lots of teenagers came and got involved with lugging the soil, quite surprisingly. This made it more their own space, I think."

Sean McCann, Resident Participation Support Officer at the Council, added: "Residents have taken ownership of, and transformed, a community space. It's been a very successful project in terms of community cohesion and bringing the residents together."

Today, the fruits of their labour – and the land – are apparent: there are eight beds, one of which is a children's plot, and all of them teem with a variety of healthy goodies, including kale, tomatoes, courgette, sweetcorn, chard, pak choi, fennel, camomile beans and beetroot; there is also a flower patch and herb garden; a shed for equipment; and a couple of benches.

Ruth said: "Often I get texts from residents after one of our gardening sessions saying that they'd made a soup or stew with all the veg we'd harvested earlier in the day. That's what the project's all about."

So what advice would Fabiana give anyone wanting to start their own allotment? "Go for it. Get together as a community, get support from the Council who can signpost you to different organisations, and get advice and support. It'll bring the community together," she said.

The Webb Estate Community Growing Project won the Community Project of the Year at this year's Active Residents Awards.

Thinking of growing your own? Go to: [www.hackney.gov.uk/grow-your-own](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/grow-your-own); call Estate Environmental Services: **020 8356 1934**; or email: [ees@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:ees@hackney.gov.uk)



## Hackney Active Resident Awards



Fabiana and daughter collecting award

**THE** unsung heroes of Hackney have been commended for making a difference to the lives of residents across the borough at this year's Active Residents Awards.

More than 60 nominations were received across six categories. The winners are:

- **Young Resident of the Year:** Suliman Baba Yemil
- **Resident of the Year:** Geoff Gleadhield
- **TRA of the Year:** Regents Estate TRA
- **TMO Resident Involvement Award:** Cranston TMO
- **Community Project of the Year:** Webb Estate Community Vegetable Allotment
- **Ron Devoti Award for Long Service:** George McGee.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "I'd like to congratulate everyone who won an award as well as all those nominated."

"It's great to hear all the stories from residents across the borough about their amazing work in helping make their communities better."

Each of the winners will be featured over the forthcoming editions of Our Homes.

**I get texts from residents saying they've made a soup or stew with all the veg we harvested**

- Ruth Arnott



# Working for better homes



## Are you a current Council tenant, someone on the housing waiting list, or a low-to-middle income house-buyer? Here's your guide to how a new set of laws could affect you

### THE FACTS & FIGURES

**The Housing and Planning Act became law on 12 May. It is expected to have a big impact on housing in Hackney.**

In its current form, it will likely mean far less social housing available for people on waiting lists, increased rent for some Council tenants, less choice for existing Council tenants looking to move, and fewer genuinely affordable new homes being built.

It will also almost certainly result in the forced sale of hundreds of Council homes, with the proceeds going to Government, and an increase in the borough's housing-related costs by around an extra £18 million pounds a year, money that the Council could be spending on services for residents.

### How will that impact you?

#### If you're a current council tenant:

- Longer waits to move between properties
- Rent increases for those with a household income of more than £40,000

#### If you're on the council house waiting list or in temporary accommodation:

- Fewer homes – the Council will be forced to sell an estimated 700 homes over the next five years
- Less choice of homes
- Longer waits for a home
- End of lifetime tenancies

#### If you're looking to buy your first home:

- Fewer genuinely affordable homes being built, with £450,000 'Starter Homes' prioritised over properties for social rent or shared-ownership.

Despite now being law, there are still many details that need to be agreed in the coming months, including when each new policy starts. For more info, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/housing-act](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/housing-act)

## Right to Buy

**The Act extends the 'Right to Buy' to housing association tenants who will be able to buy their home with a discount of up to £103,900. After a designated period, they could then sell the property at market value.**

The Government will refund housing associations for the discount. To recoup its costs it will force councils to sell some of their social housing on the open market, when properties become vacant, and then take the proceeds.

There will likely be a value threshold and formula to dictate how many homes a council must sell. Early modelling in Hackney indicates that up to 700 Council homes may have to be sold over the next five years. Many of these will probably be family-sized, ground floor homes or newly built properties.

It is currently unclear whether the Council will be able to retain enough money from the forced sales to build like-for-like replacement homes. There are more than 2,500 households living in temporary accommodation provided by the Council.

They will have to wait longer for a home and the Council will have to pay about an extra £18 million in year in associated costs.



## Pay to Stay

**Council tenants whose household has a combined annual income of more than £40,000 will have to pay more rent. The full details are not yet confirmed, but it's expected that for every pound a household earns over £40,000, they pay 15p a year more in rent.**

As an example, a council household with a combined income of £50,000, who currently pay £434 a month, would see their annual rent increase by £1,500, or an extra £125 a month (a 29 per cent increase).

The additional rental income is paid to the Government, which intends to spend it to help pay off the national debt. This means local residents paying more but receiving the same level of service.



The Government has indicated that Tax Credits, Child Benefit, Disability Living Allowance, Housing Benefit and Universal Credit will not be considered income.

## Starter homes

**'Starter homes' will be new-build properties available at a 20 per cent discount for first-time buyers aged between 23 and 40. In London, their price has to be capped at £450,000. The Government says they will be classed as 'affordable housing', which currently means either social rent, shared ownership or affordable rent.**

Based on the average price of a flat in Hackney, it's anticipated that all 'starter homes' in the borough would be the maximum £450,000. With a 10 per cent deposit, a household would need an annual income of about £115,000 to raise the mortgage necessary to afford a 'starter home'. This is far in excess of the median income of households in employment in the borough of £35,140.

Generally, developers are supposed to provide a 50/50 split of market and 'affordable housing' when building a new development. They will be encouraged to offer 'starter homes' as their 'affordable housing' provision, and councils will have an obligation to promote 'starter homes' in planning applications even if they will not meet local housing need in their area.



The Council has serious concerns that the forced emphasis on 'starter homes' will be at the expense of genuinely affordable new homes – through social rent or shared ownership – that might otherwise be built, reducing the supply of housing for those on low-to-middle incomes.







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**The next edition of  
'Our Homes' is due out in July**



**"This Act will be hugely damaging to the social fabric of inner London boroughs like Hackney. It does nothing meaningful to address the capital's housing crisis, improve the stability or affordability of private renting, or deliver on the homeownership aspirations of residents, the vast majority of who are currently priced out of a market which all too often serves developers and overseas investors at the expense of Londoners.**

**"Its content has been criticised by housing experts and providers on all sides, and it's disappointing Government chose to ignore the many sensible amendments proposed by the House of Lords. Very few people outside of Government think the content of this Act is a credible way of achieving its supposed aims, and even fewer think it will address the housing challenges faced by boroughs like Hackney.**

**"Throughout the Bill's progress through Parliament we have been working hard to influence its policies and mitigate some of the worst proposals. We will continue pushing Government to try to ensure the finer details of the Act's policies are worked out in ways which help address the needs of Hackney and our aspiration to keep it one of the most vibrant, diverse and dynamic boroughs in the country."** **Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing**



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- Cllr Philip Glanville



## End of lifetime tenancies

**Councils will no longer be able to offer new tenants lifetime tenancies. Instead, there will be fixed-term tenancies of between two and 10 years, which will be reviewed at the end of each term. This could be longer for tenants with children, though this has yet to be confirmed.**

Existing tenants who have to move as a result of regeneration or major works will maintain their current lifetime tenancy. Succession rights to a deceased tenant's property will remain for spouses or civil partners, though the new tenancy will be a fixed-term tenancy. This is a substantial reduction in the tenancy succession rights for existing tenants.

## Private rented sector

**Councils can request a 'banning order' against a landlord or agent who has committed an offence. Bans must be for at least six months and the breach of an order can result in a fine of up to £5,000. The Government will maintain a database of 'rogue' landlords and letting agents, which councils will be able to access.**

A tribunal will be able to impose a 'rent repayment order' on a landlord who has committed an offence, which a tenant can apply for directly. The rent can be recouped by the tenant if they have paid it, or by a council if the rent was from Housing Benefit or Universal Credit.

## What has the Council been doing?

**During the past year the Council has regularly given Government its views on different policies, through written submissions and Cllr Philip Glanville speaking to the Bill committee in Parliament. These opportunities were also used to suggest ways the Bill could be improved.**

Examples of our suggestions, some of which Government has accepted, include:

- Right to Buy – like-for-like replacement of homes the Council is forced to sell; not having to immediately sell newly-built homes
- Pay to Stay – benefits not to be counted as income; link the £40,000 threshold to inflation
- Starter homes – starter homes not to be classed as 'affordable housing'; councils to be free to decide what mix of new properties best suit local need
- End of lifetime tenancies – tenants offered longer tenancies than the initial two-to-five years proposed
- Private rented sector – through its '10 Steps to a Better Private Sector Renting' campaign ([hackney.gov.uk/10-steps](http://hackney.gov.uk/10-steps)), the Council has called for a range of measures to improve the private rented sector. These included creating a list of 'rogue' landlords. Cllr Glanville and Council officers have also been raising awareness of the Bill and its implications among a wide-range of residents and organisations.



## What's next?

**Work will now begin on agreeing the finer policy details, which could take several months. There are likely to be more Government consultations and opportunities for MPs to debate proposals in Parliament.**

The Council will, where possible, contribute to these discussions to try to ensure policies are worked out in ways that help address the needs of Hackney.





# Working for better homes



## Silver Linings for Hackney's older residents with fun, free activities

**A** project like this gives older people something else to talk about other than aches and pains!" said one member of Silver Linings, a series of creative classes specially designed to get the over-50s helping each other, meeting new people and learning new skills.

Activities are held at four venues across the borough – in Clapton, Hackney Wick, Hoxton and Stamford Hill – and are led by older people, with activities chosen by those who attend the clubs.

Maureen Sammon, 81, from Trowbridge Estate, recently enjoyed a mosaic-making class.



Mosaic-making at Silver Linings

"It's a lot better than sitting on your own. The activities are brilliant, mosaic is something I've always wanted to do. I'd say to other older people in Hackney: make the effort to come, it's so worthwhile," she said.

The sessions, which are held monthly, have so far included micro-vegetable gardening, mosaic art and ballroom dancing.

Alongside getting older people trying new things and getting to know their neighbours, the project allows them to make a contribution to their local community through the Silver Linings Incentive Scheme.

It is part of Connect Hackney, which is led by older

people, for older people. It is managed by Hackney CVS and funded by the Big Lottery's Ageing Better Fund.

To get involved or to find out more, call Clare Norwood on: **020 8510 5403**; email: [clare.norwood@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:clare.norwood@groundwork.org.uk); or visit: [www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk)



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A letter has been sent to residents explaining the changes, along with details for rental payment help and advice.



Residents have been sent letters of the changes to charges



# Ten tenant groups agree partnership with Council

**AN already successful partnership has been renewed, thanks to an important strategy that was negotiated between the Council and 10 tenant management groups, who together deliver services to 5,000 households across Hackney.**

The new strategy statement for tenant management organisations (TMOs), resident-run estate management groups, enshrines a commitment from the Council to involve TMOs in all resident engagement events and housing consultations.

This will strengthen the partnership between the Council and residents, and bring to life the third Hackney Mayoral priority: 'Making Hackney a place where everyone can contribute, through listening to residents, and involving them in the decisions we make and the things we do'.

The new document included nine points that recognises the importance of TMOs and underpins the commitment of Council officers and TMO representatives to work together on service delivery.

CLlr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "TMOs are a key part of the borough's housing provision; they enable residents to really shape and deliver the services they receive and have an important role in decision-making on issues that will affect them. "It is great that we have this strategy to recognise their importance and to commit to working even better together in the future as the Council renews its focus on housing management."



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The wide-ranging questionnaire will allow residents to share with the Council how they feel about

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Surveys will be posted to all Council tenants, leaseholders and freeholders from early June, so residents are being asked to look out for it. People can also take part online by using the link and a unique ID number on their survey papers. Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said:

"Now that housing services are again being managed by the Council, this is a chance for all of our tenants, leaseholders and freeholders to tell us how they feel about the services they receive from us. "They will be playing a crucial role in shaping the future of the housing service, ensuring

we know where to focus our energies on making the improvements that matter most to them." The results will be gathered and analysed by an independent research company and published later this year. The report will help the Council focus on where improvement is most needed.

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Cllr Glanville and Jennifer Oyibo outside her new flat

**A Hackney mum who lived in a studio flat with her two-year-old daughter is starting a new life in a two-bed flat that the Council transformed from a disused office space.**

Jennifer Oyibo and her daughter recently moved from their Clapton property, where Jennifer had lived for four years, into the Council-funded conversion of Sylvester House in Hackney Central.

The former office, in Wilton Way, had stood empty for more than 10 years, before the Council refurbishment, which also includes a communal shed for all residents to use as part of the large, shared garden in the 43-flat block.

Jennifer, 28, said: "I don't know how my daughter would have coped in the studio flat now she's walking, it's so nice to have the space for her to run around."

The conversion was funded from right-to-buy sales and the housing needs capital budget.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "Jennifer's daughter now has a room of her own and space to grow and develop, as well as some outside space for her to play in."

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## Welcome to the first edition of your new-look Hackney housing news – 'Our Homes' – for Council tenants, leaseholders and freeholders.

Here you will learn about what's new in housing in the borough; what some of our inspiring residents and staff are doing to improve the communities they live in or serve; some of the Council's plans for the future of the housing service since we resumed management from Hackney Homes in April, and more.

Our Homes replaces the quarterly Hackney Homes newsletter that many of you will have last received in March. This is going to be a more frequent (bi-monthly) publication, and you will next see it inside Hackney Today, as a pull-out-and-keep insert from July onwards. We hope you enjoy the first edition. We welcome your input and feedback, your good

news housing or estates stories, and events. While we will do our best to include all your stories, we cannot guarantee publication.

**Cllr Philip Glanville,  
Cabinet Member for Housing**



To contribute to a future edition, email: [jane.ball@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:jane.ball@hackney.gov.uk); or call: 020 8356 8338.



**Two new award-winning bicycle hangars have been installed in a Haggerston estate, seeing a tenfold increase in cycle and motorbike parking for residents.**

The hangars, together with lockers, racks and wall anchors make up some of the 110 new spaces created in Fellows Court estate to give residents a safer and more secure alternative to locking bikes to railings and stairwells, and which had been deemed a fire hazard.

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, said: "The new parking has been well-received by residents. It is being used to full capacity, so we are looking at possibly fitting some more as soon as funding is available."



If you would like to request cycle parking, go to: [hackney.gov.uk/cycle-safety-and-security](http://hackney.gov.uk/cycle-safety-and-security)

**Children living in housing associations can take part in free art, music, storytelling, dancing and craft classes, when a creative workshop tours three Hackney libraries this summer**

Artburst Minis is back with its new programme, 'Home Sweet Home', for youngsters aged two to five years old, between May and July, in Clapton, Stamford Hill and Hackney Central libraries.

The sessions are designed to improve children's confidence and skills in preparation for nursery or primary school. The workshops, which run in five-week blocks in the mornings and afternoons, are supported by the Council, Hackney Learning Trust, Family Mosaic, Sanctuary Housing and Hackney Marsh Partnership.

Booking is essential, email: [info@artburst.co.uk](mailto:info@artburst.co.uk); or call: 07435 788 190. More info: [www.artburst.co.uk](http://www.artburst.co.uk)







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## Grow your own

**I**magine waking up, sauntering down to your own large vegetable patch, digging up some fresh greens, and serving them that evening for dinner.

Fabiana works her plot in the Webb Estate community growing area

**No, it's not some romanticised scene from 'The Good Life' but the rustic reality for residents on Webb Estate in Clapton, who transformed an unused, overgrown piece of land, into a fully-functioning allotment that is providing healthy home-grown fare for dozens of local families.**

Public plots and gardens are famously oversubscribed across London, with some waiting lists running into decades, but the 'grow your own' revolution, which has been sweeping Hackney for around the last five years, has been changing all that.

In estates and blocks up and down the borough, green-fingered residents are not only digging, planting, tending and harvesting their way into a healthier lifestyle, but are reclaiming underused green spaces to change the look and feel of the outside of their homes for the better.

The work also serves to bring neighbours together. "The community definitely feels very proud," explained Fabiana De Iazzer, of the Webb Estate Community Growing Project, and the estate's Tenant Resident Association (TRA) chair. Adding: "There has been a great sense of achievement."

The project was put forward at a TRA meeting and was supported by the Council, which helped identify a suitable space and linked up residents with environmental regeneration charity, Groundwork.

Ruth Arnott, from Groundwork, and the project's head gardener, said: "We designed and built the main garden infrastructure and led gardening sessions – generally two hours on Saturday afternoons – teaching residents how to grow, work on projects like making bee hotels, or compost bins or wildflower beds."

However, it was a project not without its difficulties, or detractors.

"Initially, there was slight opposition from a few residents, but once started, people saw the benefits of growing your own veg, and hence spending less on shopping and encouraging healthy eating," said Fabiana.

She added: "The main difficulty in urban growing is finding a suitable space, with enough sunlight and healthy soil, and an area that's large enough."

The physicality of the project also proved challenging, with much of the hard slog of clearing branches, weeding and filling beds with soil having to be undertaken during the cold winter months before planting in the spring.

Ruth said: "Lots of teenagers came and got involved with lugging the soil, quite surprisingly. This made it more their own space, I think."

Sean McCann, Resident Participation Support Officer at the Council, added: "Residents have taken ownership of, and transformed, a community space. It's been a very successful project in terms of community cohesion and bringing the residents together."

Today, the fruits of their labour – and the land – are apparent: there are eight beds, one of which is a children's plot, and all of them teem with a variety of healthy goodies, including kale, tomatoes, courgette, sweetcorn, chard, pak choi, fennel, camomile beans and beetroot; there is also a flower patch and herb garden; a shed for equipment; and a couple of benches.

Ruth said: "Often I get texts from residents after one of our gardening sessions saying that they'd made a soup or stew with all the veg we'd harvested earlier in the day. That's what the project's all about."

So what advice would Fabiana give anyone wanting to start their own allotment? "Go for it. Get together as a community, get support from the Council who can signpost you to different organisations, and get advice and support. It'll bring the community together," she said.

The Webb Estate Community Growing Project won the Community Project of the Year at this year's Active Residents Awards.

Thinking of growing your own? Go to: [www.hackney.gov.uk/grow-your-own](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/grow-your-own); call Estate Environmental Services: **020 8356 1934**; or email: [ees@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:ees@hackney.gov.uk)



## Hackney Active Resident Awards



Fabiana and daughter collecting award

**THE** unsung heroes of Hackney have been commended for making a difference to the lives of residents across the borough at this year's Active Residents Awards.

More than 60 nominations were received across six categories. The winners are:

- **Young Resident of the Year:** Suliman Baba Yemil
- **Resident of the Year:** Geoff Gleadhield
- **TRA of the Year:** Regents Estate TRA
- **TMO Resident Involvement Award:** Cranston TMO
- **Community Project of the Year:** Webb Estate Community Vegetable Allotment
- **Ron Devoti Award for Long Service:** George McGee.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "I'd like to congratulate everyone who won an award as well as all those nominated."

"It's great to hear all the stories from residents across the borough about their amazing work in helping make their communities better."

Each of the winners will be featured over the forthcoming editions of Our Homes.

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# Working for better homes



## Are you a current Council tenant, someone on the housing waiting list, or a low-to-middle income house-buyer? Here's your guide to how a new set of laws could affect you

### THE FACTS & FIGURES

**The Housing and Planning Act became law on 12 May. It is expected to have a big impact on housing in Hackney.**

In its current form, it will likely mean far less social housing available for people on waiting lists, increased rent for some Council tenants, less choice for existing Council tenants looking to move, and fewer genuinely affordable new homes being built.

It will also almost certainly result in the forced sale of hundreds of Council homes, with the proceeds going to Government, and an increase in the borough's housing-related costs by around an extra £18 million pounds a year, money that the Council could be spending on services for residents.

### How will that impact you?

**If you're a current council tenant:**

- Longer waits to move between properties
- Rent increases for those with a household income of more than £40,000

**If you're on the council house waiting list or in temporary accommodation:**

- Fewer homes – the Council will be forced to sell an estimated 700 homes over the next five years
- Less choice of homes
- Longer waits for a home
- End of lifetime tenancies

**If you're looking to buy your first home:**

- Fewer genuinely affordable homes being built, with £450,000 'Starter Homes' prioritised over properties for social rent or shared-ownership.

Despite now being law, there are still many details that need to be agreed in the coming months, including when each new policy starts. For more info, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/housing-act](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/housing-act)

## Right to Buy

**The Act extends the 'Right to Buy' to housing association tenants who will be able to buy their home with a discount of up to £103,900. After a designated period, they could then sell the property at market value.**

The Government will refund housing associations for the discount. To recoup its costs it will force councils to sell some of their social housing on the open market, when properties become vacant, and then take the proceeds.

There will likely be a value threshold and formula to dictate how many homes a council must sell. Early modelling in Hackney indicates that up to 700 Council homes may have to be sold over the next five years. Many of these will probably be family-sized, ground floor homes or newly built properties.

It is currently unclear whether the Council will be able to retain enough money from the forced sales to build like-for-like replacement homes. There are more than 2,500 households living in temporary accommodation provided by the Council.

They will have to wait longer for a home and the Council will have to pay about an extra £18 million in year in associated costs.



## Pay to Stay

**Council tenants whose household has a combined annual income of more than £40,000 will have to pay more rent. The full details are not yet confirmed, but it's expected that for every pound a household earns over £40,000, they pay 15p a year more in rent.**

As an example, a council household with a combined income of £50,000, who currently pay £434 a month, would see their annual rent increase by £1,500, or an extra £125 a month (a 29 per cent increase).

The additional rental income is paid to the Government, which intends to spend it to help pay off the national debt. This means local residents paying more but receiving the same level of service.



The Government has indicated that Tax Credits, Child Benefit, Disability Living Allowance, Housing Benefit and Universal Credit will not be considered income.

## Starter homes

**'Starter homes' will be new-build properties available at a 20 per cent discount for first-time buyers aged between 23 and 40. In London, their price has to be capped at £450,000. The Government says they will be classed as 'affordable housing', which currently means either social rent, shared ownership or affordable rent.**

Based on the average price of a flat in Hackney, it's anticipated that all 'starter homes' in the borough would be the maximum £450,000. With a 10 per cent deposit, a household would need an annual income of about £115,000 to raise the mortgage necessary to afford a 'starter home'. This is far in excess of the median income of households in employment in the borough of £35,140.

Generally, developers are supposed to provide a 50/50 split of market and 'affordable housing' when building a new development. They will be encouraged to offer 'starter homes' as their 'affordable housing' provision, and councils will have an obligation to promote 'starter homes' in planning applications even if they will not meet local housing need in their area.



The Council has serious concerns that the forced emphasis on 'starter homes' will be at the expense of genuinely affordable new homes – through social rent or shared ownership – that might otherwise be built, reducing the supply of housing for those on low-to-middle incomes.







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**"Throughout the Bill's progress through Parliament we have been working hard to influence its policies and mitigate some of the worst proposals. We will continue pushing Government to try to ensure the finer details of the Act's policies are worked out in ways which help address the needs of Hackney and our aspiration to keep it one of the most vibrant, diverse and dynamic boroughs in the country."** **Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing**



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**Councils will no longer be able to offer new tenants lifetime tenancies. Instead, there will be fixed-term tenancies of between two and 10 years, which will be reviewed at the end of each term. This could be longer for tenants with children, though this has yet to be confirmed.**

Existing tenants who have to move as a result of regeneration or major works will maintain their current lifetime tenancy. Succession rights to a deceased tenant's property will remain for spouses or civil partners, though the new tenancy will be a fixed-term tenancy. This is a substantial reduction in the tenancy succession rights for existing tenants.

## Private rented sector

**Councils can request a 'banning order' against a landlord or agent who has committed an offence. Bans must be for at least six months and the breach of an order can result in a fine of up to £5,000. The Government will maintain a database of 'rogue' landlords and letting agents, which councils will be able to access.**

A tribunal will be able to impose a 'rent repayment order' on a landlord who has committed an offence, which a tenant can apply for directly. The rent can be recouped by the tenant if they have paid it, or by a council if the rent was from Housing Benefit or Universal Credit.

## What has the Council been doing?

**During the past year the Council has regularly given Government its views on different policies, through written submissions and Cllr Philip Glanville speaking to the Bill committee in Parliament. These opportunities were also used to suggest ways the Bill could be improved.**

Examples of our suggestions, some of which Government has accepted, include:

- Right to Buy – like-for-like replacement of homes the Council is forced to sell; not having to immediately sell newly-built homes
- Pay to Stay – benefits not to be counted as income; link the £40,000 threshold to inflation
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- Private rented sector – through its '10 Steps to a Better Private Sector Renting' campaign ([hackney.gov.uk/10-steps](http://hackney.gov.uk/10-steps)), the Council has called for a range of measures to improve the private rented sector. These included creating a list of 'rogue' landlords.

Cllr Glanville and Council officers have also been raising awareness of the Bill and its implications among a wide-range of residents and organisations.



## What's next?

**Work will now begin on agreeing the finer policy details, which could take several months. There are likely to be more Government consultations and opportunities for MPs to debate proposals in Parliament.**

The Council will, where possible, contribute to these discussions to try to ensure policies are worked out in ways that help address the needs of Hackney.





# Working for better homes



## Silver Linings for Hackney's older residents with fun, free activities

**A** project like this gives older people something else to talk about other than aches and pains!" said one member of Silver Linings, a series of creative classes specially designed to get the over-50s helping each other, meeting new people and learning new skills.

Activities are held at four venues across the borough – in Clapton, Hackney Wick, Hoxton and Stamford Hill – and are led by older people, with activities chosen by those who attend the clubs.

Maureen Sammon, 81, from Trowbridge Estate, recently enjoyed a mosaic-making class.



Mosaic-making at Silver Linings

"It's a lot better than sitting on your own. The activities are brilliant, mosaic is something I've always wanted to do. I'd say to other older people in Hackney: make the effort to come, it's so worthwhile," she said.

The sessions, which are held monthly, have so far included micro-vegetable gardening, mosaic art and ballroom dancing.

Alongside getting older people trying new things and getting to know their neighbours, the project allows them to make a contribution to their local community through the Silver Linings Incentive Scheme.

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After a spate of burglaries, police identified an empty property that was being used by criminals. Within 48 hours, Helder (pictured) had arranged for the property to be secured and fences repaired. Helder said he was happy to help the police do their job and to meet residents to reassure them that action was being taken. Due to Helder's prompt action the police now believe crime will be 'drastically' reduced in the area.



# Changes to service charges

RENTS for Council tenants have reduced by one per cent from April as a result of a new national policy. At the same time, some service charges, set by the Council, have risen slightly. Cllr Philip Glanville said: "It's important tenants pay their rent on time to help with the cost of services while helping to avoid debt and reminder letters."

A letter has been sent to residents explaining the changes, along with details for rental payment help and advice.



Residents have been sent letters of the changes to charges



# Ten tenant groups agree partnership with Council

**AN already successful partnership has been renewed, thanks to an important strategy that was negotiated between the Council and 10 tenant management groups, who together deliver services to 5,000 households across Hackney.**

The new strategy statement for tenant management organisations (TMOs), resident-run estate management groups, enshrines a commitment from the Council to involve TMOs in all resident engagement events and housing consultations.

This will strengthen the partnership between the Council and residents, and bring to life the third Hackney Mayoral priority: 'Making Hackney a place where everyone can contribute, through listening to residents, and involving them in the decisions we make and the things we do'.

The new document included nine points that recognises the importance of TMOs and underpins the commitment of Council officers and TMO representatives to work together on service delivery.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "TMOs are a key part of the borough's housing provision; they enable residents to really shape and deliver the services they receive and have an important role in decision-making on issues that will affect them. "It is great that we have this strategy to recognise their importance and to commit to working even better together in the future as the Council renews its focus on housing management."



For contact information, or to find out more about TMOs in Hackney, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/tenant-management-organisations](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/tenant-management-organisations)



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